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Volunteers Margaret Gale and Mizuki Soga congratulate Emma Finlay after she finished her 15-meter swim at the Special Olympics at Yokota Air Base on Sunday. Yokota hosted the Special Olympics for the 30th year. Adult and child athletes with disabilities from all over the Kanto Plain, including DODDS and Japanese schools, came to compete in a variety of athletic events. Emma, 14, who has Down syndrome, took home medals in both the long jump and the 15-meter swim.

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National Guardsman Craig Lewis on the beach at Al Taqaddum Air Base, Iraq, in September 2006. "I was totally overwhelmed," he said of his helicopter flight training.

The fight to fit back in

After excelling as a helicopter pilot in Iraq, guardsman returns to see hopes deflated in civilian job search

BY CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT
The Washington Post

Craig Lewis had been gone so long that when he walked into the front office of Fluvanna County High School, the secretary gave him a quizzical look.

"Can I help you?" she asked.

She studied him with a blank expression for a moment, and then, suddenly, her eyes widened with recognition.

"You're back!" she said, smiling broadly.

"I am," Lewis said, his close-

cropped hair still at Army standard.

He managed a smile, though it felt strange to be back in this squat brick building again. He'd grown up in this rural community outside of Charlottesville, Va., and, what now seemed like eons ago, had graduated from Fluvanna in 1997 before later being hired to teach and coach baseball at his alma mater. But it had been more than two years since he'd been a regular presence in these hallways.

More than two years since Lewis, a lieutenant in the Vir-

ginia Army National Guard, had been ordered to flight school and then to Iraq as a Black Hawk helicopter pilot. Now he was home and finally ready to see his old boss, Fluvanna principal James Barlow.

"Is he available?" Lewis asked the secretary.

"Let me check," she replied.

Lewis — accompanied by a reporter chronicling his return to civilian life — shuffled his feet nervously. Given the way he'd left here, it wasn't going to be easy asking for his job back.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think he could have endured the pressure if it was leveled against only him, not his family members and aides."

— South Korean businesswoman Moon Hye-kyung, speaking about the suicide of former South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun

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Champions, smiles at Yokota's 30th Special Olympics

By TIM WIGHTMAN
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Before this past weekend, Emma Finlay liked to keep her head firmly above water when in the pool. But the 14-year-old was dripping wet — as she stood wearing a medal on the winner's block and listening to the loud cheering that followed her swimming performance.

Many similar scenes were played out here on Saturday and Sunday.

Sometimes it was in the pool, other times it was on the running track, the basketball court or the bowling alley. Regardless, it's part of what makes these games "special."

Yokota was hosting the Special Olympics for the 30th year. Adult and child athletes with intellectual disabilities from all over the Kanto Plain, including DODDS and Japanese schools, came to compete in a variety of athletic events.

For many, one event just wasn't enough.

Finlay, who has Down syndrome, took home medals in both the long jump and the 15-meter swim. She also participated in the 50-yard dash and had planned on doing the 400-meter relay run before rain intervened Sunday.

It was Emma's first time participating in the Special Olympics. Her father, Scott Finlay, the principal of Ikego Elementary School, said it was just good seeing his daughter compete.

"She's always been a little bit nervous about the water, so it's kind of nice to see her get in there and take the baby steps she needs to be a better swimmer, a better athlete and a better person," Finlay said.

While Emma was making her debut at the games, fifth-grader Jared Lopez was enjoying his third trip. He took part in the 25-meter freestyle swim Sunday along with the 200- and 400-meter runs Saturday.

His father, Paul Lopez, said once Jared was made aware of the dates of the games, he circled them on the calendar and didn't forget about them.

"Every day we heard about it leading up to six weeks out, five weeks out, four weeks out, four days out, three days out," Lopez said. "Yeah, he was pretty geared up about it."

Lopez said along with his son's



PHOTOS BY TIM WIGHTMAN/Stars and Stripes

Emma Finlay gets encouragement as she swims the final distance of her 15-meter swim Sunday during the Special Olympic games at Yokota Air Base. Below: Athletes and volunteers join in a Bonzai cheer after Jared Lopez won a medal in swimming.

achievements (Jared won medals), he was happy to see the friendships that arose out of the athletic contests. Before his freestyle swim Sunday, Jared was playing in the water with a Japanese participant who beat him in the 400-meter run a day earlier.

"The Japanese boy barely speaks English, and Jared barely speaks Japanese. Yet, they're still able to establish a friendship," Lopez said. He added Jared's autism can make such connections

difficult.

"You can see through a competitive sport an otherwise anti-social disorder allows him to be friends with a complete stranger," he said.

Lindsay Vaughn, special education teacher for Sullivan's Elementary School on Yokosuka Naval Base, volunteered for the fifth year to be the coach for all the special education kids from Yokosuka, including Jared and Emma. She said the games are "a really special event for the families."

"For a lot of these families, it's sort of the first time that their kids get to compete on an equal playing field and have a chance at winning a medal or being up on the winner's block," Vaughn said. "And it's a weekend just dedicated to the kids."

Paul Lopez said that as long as his family is in Japan, Jared will be making return trips to the Special Olympics.

"It's a friendly and a supportive competitiveness," Lopez said. "It's really nice to watch, and it's a lot of fun."

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Correction

A May 23 Associated Press story about a flyover at Fleet Week in New York incorrectly stated that six military aircraft participated in the flyover. Five aircraft took part.

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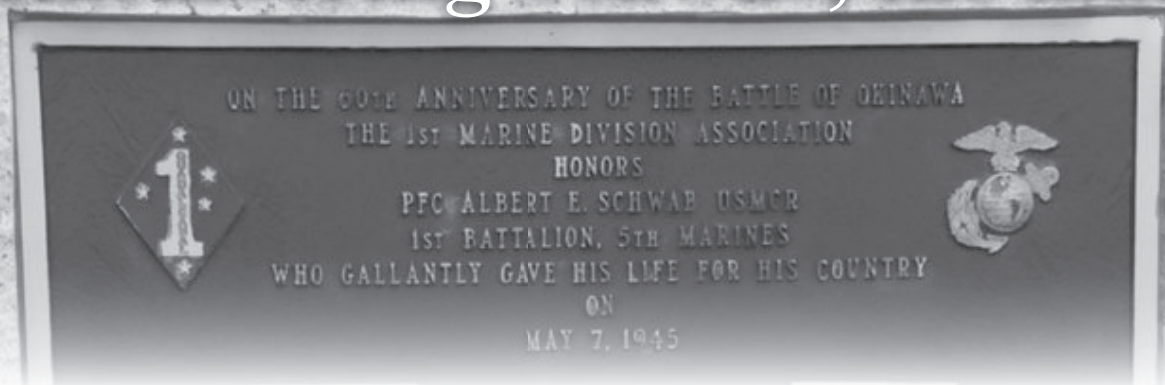
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Remembering Schwab, the man



Right: Jim Carlson, from left, Janie Brady and Jeff Carlson hold up 4th Marine Regiment's Medal of Honor for Pfc. Albert E. Schwab at Camp Schwab, Okinawa, on Sunday. The three, the niece and nephews of Schwab, were visiting the base for the first time. Top: A marker denoting Schwab's life sits outside 4th Marine Regiment's headquarters building on Camp Schwab.

PHOTOS BY CINDY FISHER
Stars and Stripes



A Marine who gave all on Okinawa

CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa — About 10 million men were drafted during World War II.

Pfc. Albert E. Schwab wasn't one of them. He chose to join the Marine Corps and serve his country, said his nephew Jim Carlson during a visit to Camp Schwab on Sunday.

Under the draft rules of the time, he could have received a deferment because he had a child, Carlson explained.

Instead, "he chose to leave his family to come and serve," said Janie Brady, Schwab's niece.

So, on May 12, 1944, Schwab left his wife and 2-year-old son in Oklahoma after joining the Marine Corps.

By April 1, 1945, the former oil worker was a flame-thrower operator landing on the shores of Okinawa with 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, according to the U.S. Marine Corps History and Museums Division Web site.

On May 7, his company was pinned down by Japanese troops. Ignoring enemy fire, Schwab ended the standoff by climbing a ridge and attacking the machine gun position with his flame thrower, according to the Web site.

The rest of his company was then able to advance to the top of the ridge. But then a second machine gun began firing on the company, according to the Schwab's Medal of Honor citation.

Despite diminishing fuel for his flame thrower, Schwab, 24, continued with his one-man assault on the second gun, according to his citation. He was able to destroy the gun before a final burst of gun fire left him fatally wounded.

His citation credits that Schwab's single-handed destruction of the two gun positions with allowing his company to continue its advancement.

Schwab died days before he would have completed a year's service in the Corps.

Little more than a year later, on Memorial Day 1946, his Medal of Honor was presented to his then 3-year-old son Steven Albert Schwab in Tulsa, Okla.

Camp Schwab was named in honor of Schwab in October 1959.

The Medal of Honor presented to the Schwab family is now on permanent loan to the Tulsa Historical Society.

— Cindy Fisher

Trio links stories to uncle's life during base visit

BY CINDY FISHER
Stars and Stripes

CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa — Jim and Jeff Carlson and their sister Janie Brady never met their uncle, Albert E. Schwab.

But all their lives they've heard stories about the Medal of Honor recipient who was killed during the Battle of Okinawa in 1945.

"Mom was 14 when he went off to go to war, and she adored her brother," Jeff Carlson said. "In her eyes, he could do no wrong."

Jim Carlson, 52, agreed. "One of Mom's favorite memories of Albert was him taking her to a local root beer stand."

Other than their mother's memories, however, the siblings had few links to their uncle.

So it was the journey of a lifetime to visit the base named in honor of Schwab, Jeff Carlson said.

The three have always known there was a base on Okinawa named for their uncle, "but it was always half a world away," he said.

All the siblings really knew about

Camp Schwab was the black and white photo their mother had of the base entrance, Jeff Carlson said.

That is until the trio spent Memorial Day weekend touring the base and visiting with the Marines stationed here. And since their cousin, Steven Albert Schwab, the Marine's son, passed away two years ago, they feel like they are here for him, too, said the 56-year-old Brady.

Many World War II veterans, including their father who served in the Navy, wouldn't delve into their experiences, but being on Camp Schwab makes him feel closer to his uncle, Jim Carlson said.

And how the three made it to Okinawa for the visit is an illustration of what it means to be part of the Marine family, Brady added.

While attending an annual wreath laying ceremony at their uncle's gravesite in Oklahoma, they met Sgt. William Edwards, a Marine severely injured in Iraq in 2006.

Edwards had been based on Camp Schwab for three years with 3rd Recon-

naissance Battalion. After receiving burns on 45 percent of his body when an improvised explosive device detonated on his Humvee, Edwards said he was sent to a burn facility in Texas for rehabilitation.

While healing and waiting to see if he would be allowed to remain on active duty, Edwards was sent to help train a reserve unit in Oklahoma where he met Schwab's descendants. When he learned they had never been to Okinawa, he began coordinating with Schwab-based units to see what he could do about getting them there, he said.

"It was the right thing to do to get the family here to pay tribute to their uncle," said Edwards, who accompanied the family here.

Seeing the base and knowing that their uncle is remembered is comforting, Brady said.

"It was very important for our family to understand what it means to be hero," she said. "He is indeed a treasure who's memory needs to stay alive."

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Sacrifices honored

Other men honored for actions during the battle of Okinawa:

■ Camp Foster — Pfc. William A. Foster threw himself on a grenade May 2, 1945, sacrificing his own life to save fellow Marines from the blast.

■ Camp Gonsalves (also known as the Jungle Warfare Training Center) — Pfc. Harold Gonsalves jumped on a grenade to shield other Marines from the blast, sacrificing his own life April 15, 1945.

■ Camp Hansen — Pvt. Dale M. Hansen carried out a one-man assault May 7, 1945, that destroyed a hostile pill box, a mortar position and killed several enemy soldiers. He was killed three days later in another engagement.

■ Camp Kinser — Sgt. Elbert L. Kinser sacrificed his own life by jumping on a grenade to save his Marines on May 4, 1945.

■ Camp Lester — Petty Officer 1st Class Fred F. Lester braved enemy fire to rescue a

wounded Marine from the battlefield June 8, 1945. Lester died from wounds received from the rescue as he directed medical treatment for other Marines.

SOURCE: U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy

Re-entry: Citizen-soldiers struggle with careers

RE-ENTRY, FROM PAGE 1

When the Army National Guard had decided to send Lewis to flight school back in 2005, he initially thought he'd be able to finish the school year at Fluvanna before heading to Fort Rucker in Alabama. But, suddenly, the schedule had changed. The commander of the Guard's 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment had told Lewis to report to Fort Rucker within a week.

Now it was May 2007, and Lewis was a newly minted veteran of America's long conflict in Iraq. He and the other 350 members of his battalion had been back in Virginia for almost three months, and Lewis was grappling with a problem all too common for returning members of the National Guard: finding work.

Lewis knew he should have come in to see Barlow as soon as he had returned from Iraq. But he hadn't been ready to start teaching right away, and, in truth, he wasn't even sure he wanted to anymore. After the rigors of flying a helicopter in combat, teaching didn't seem ambitious enough. But he needed a job, and he didn't know what else to do. Plus, as he'd been told again and again, he was entitled to have his old job back. Federal law requires that employers hold jobs for deploying reservists, even if they've been gone for as long as five years, though employers aren't always eager to comply.

"I'd love to help you," the principal said. "But I don't have any openings." One of the physical education teachers might retire after this year, he told Lewis, and that would create a slot. "I'll keep an eye out," he said. "But I can't promise anything." Plus, he added, seemingly unaware of the scope of the law protecting reservists' jobs, Lewis had been gone for more than a year, so the school wasn't obligated to take him back.

Military over career

The nearly 500,000 members of the country's National Guard — who report to state governors for domestic emergencies and to presidents during war — work in almost every civilian occupation imaginable. In the past, their part-time role in powering America's military didn't always garner much notice or respect. That changed dramatically after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

If the Guard was once considered little more than a loosely trained bunch of second stringers on call to fill sandbags during floods, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq redefined what it means to be a citizen-soldier. Never before had tens of thousands of Guard members been plucked from civilian life, sent overseas to combat and then thrust back into society. Many repeated this jarring process — disrupting families and stressing civilian careers — two or even three times.

Shortly after 9/11, when the Guard started being called for federal duty in numbers not seen since World War II, employers sent their reservists off to war with flags waving. When there were problems, it was largely because employers were simply not aware of the Uniformed Services



HECTOR EMANUEL, THE WASHINGTON POST/AP

Lt. Craig Lewis got outstanding reviews for his work in Iraq.

Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), which protects reservists' jobs at businesses large and small.

But since 2005, the number of calls to the Defense Department office that handles servicemembers' employment problems has more than doubled, from 5,300 to 13,000 last year. Officials attribute much of the growth to the fact that more soldiers are aware of the office — and of their rights. But the number of unresolved cases, which can be forwarded to the Department of Labor or in some cases end up in private litigation, also has grown, reaching a high of 765 last year.

That's why business has been booming for Mathew Tully, an attorney with offices in New York and Washington who specializes in reemployment cases and has represented dozens of Guard members and reservists who have had to fight to win their old jobs back.

"After 9/11, the issue was a lack of knowledge," Tully said. "Now what we're seeing — and we're getting record high numbers of USERRA cases — is employers saying: 'Yeah, we understand the law. But this is your third deployment, and you're obviously picking the military over us.'"

Earlier this year, a U.S. District Court judge awarded Michael Serricchio, a Massachusetts Air Force reservist, a judgment that could reach as high as \$1.5 million. Serricchio claimed that Wachovia Securities refused to give him back his job as a financial adviser after he returned from more than two years of active duty. The verdict, believed to be the highest penalty ever awarded in a reemployment case, should serve "as a wake-up call to companies that there are laws to protect returning reservists, and that they need to follow them," Serricchio said.

Confidence not enough

The lieutenant was brimming with confidence and optimism when he stepped off a plane at Fort Dix, N.J., on a snowy day

in February 2007. He hadn't just survived Iraq; he'd thrived there. Within days of returning to the United States, he learned he was being promoted to company commander, which meant that not only was he in charge of dozens of soldiers but hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of equipment. It was unusual for a lieutenant to be given a company command, but Lewis' performance reviews made it clear that he was considered anything but usual.

Then, nothing. June gave way to July — the dead of summer — a slow time for business, he told himself. Lewis tried to stay positive. He had plenty of money saved up from his time in Iraq and would be fine for a while. He just needed to apply himself, scatter a few more resumes out there.

But as day after day passed with his calls and e-mails unreturned, he began to feel as if he didn't exist or, worse, didn't matter. In Iraq, people's lives had depended on him, on his ability to perform under some of the most intense pressure a person could imagine. More pressure, he was sure, than he'd ever be under in the civilian world. Which was why he didn't understand why no one was calling him back.

A reason not to hire?

The posting for a youth counselor on a local Internet job board was not ideal. But it was a job, and he was a shoo-in. Not only had he been a special education teacher, but he had worked as a youth counselor in college.

By now it was late July, and Lewis was getting desperate. He had chewed through \$10,000 of his \$30,000 in savings. So he sent in his resume and got a call a few days later asking him to come in for an interview, which he aced. He was sure of it. His interviewers had been impressed with his experience and with his composure and comportment. The job was his. He could feel it. Any day they would call with an offer.

Only they didn't. Replaying the interview in his mind, Lewis suddenly remembered being questioned about his Guard service and his time in Iraq. "What's the likelihood of your being deployed again?" one interviewer had asked.

Lewis tried to make it clear that it wouldn't be for a while; he'd just gotten back. But when pressed, he had to admit that he could be called at any moment for a domestic emergency. That's what the Guard was all about.

At the time, he didn't think the answer had hurt him. But looking back on it, he realized that that was the moment the tone of the interview had changed. And it wasn't long after that that his interviewers were thanking him for coming in and saying they would be in touch.

He didn't want to believe his Guard membership could be the reason why no one was hiring him. He was proud of his service, and had featured it prominently on his resume. But maybe that had been a mistake. Maybe serving in the Guard was a hindrance, not an asset — at least at a time when reservists were being called for two and three overseas tours. When he mentioned his theory to fellow soldiers, a few said they had run into similar problems.

It was known as the "military service penalty" in some veterans circles, and Lewis was starting to believe it really existed. What employer, especially in this economy, would want to hire someone who could be gone one out of every

four or five years? It's a subtle form of discrimination that lawyer Mathew Tully and others says happens all the time but is difficult to prove.

Worry for the future

He landed an interview for a position as an intelligence analyst with CACI International, a huge government contractor with a Charlottesville, Va. office. A few weeks later, on a Wednesday in early June, the personnel office called back.

"We just got a new contract we think you'd be good for, and we want to get you in here as soon as possible, say Friday or Monday," the recruiter said. "How does that suit you?"

This was the moment Lewis had been waiting for since he'd gotten home 16 months earlier. But he felt his stomach turn in knots. He couldn't be there by Friday, or the following Monday. He had just been called up to active duty for a three-week tour patrolling the Arizona border. The timing could not have been worse, which is what he tried to explain. Any other time he'd be available on a moment's notice. "Is there any way you could wait until I got back?" he asked.

"Unfortunately, no," said the recruiter, who was gracious, though clearly disappointed. He told Lewis to give him a call when he got back. "Maybe something will open up in the future," he said.

He loved the camaraderie of the 2-224th, flying and being in charge of an entire company of soldiers. He wanted to serve, and he'd known what he was getting into when he'd signed up. But now he wondered if the sacrifice was worth it. If he resigned his commission and focused solely on landing a job in the civilian world, he wouldn't have to answer the "Will you be deployed?" question. He wouldn't have to worry about being called up and having to give just a few days' notice.

How much longer did he have before he could get out? He had to think on it a minute before coming to the disappointing answer: four years.

A few weeks after Lewis' return from Arizona, the CACI recruiter did call again. He had another opening for an intelligence analyst, the same job Lewis had interviewed for before. Could he start Wednesday?

"You better believe it," Lewis said.

On his first day, he woke up early, showered and beat his housemate out the door. Normally, the traffic during his commute to his new office in Charlottesville would have driven him crazy, but not today. He was thrilled to inch along the highway with everyone else on their way to work, and grateful that his new employer didn't seem to have a problem with his Guard service.

Still, he did not mention the rumors that had been floating around the 2-224th for several weeks. In the summer of 2009, the unit's two weeks of annual training were supposedly going to be in the snow-capped mountains of Canada, where the pilots could get used to flying at high altitude.

Which some speculated meant one thing for the battalion: Afghanistan as early as 2010.



RAFIQ MAQBOOL/AP

Capt. Alfonso Johnson from Fort Drum, N.Y., watches a video of his son singing about his father's deployment at a forward operating base in Wardak, Afghanistan.

'Keep 'em super-safe'

Boy makes rap video for dad deployed to Afghanistan

By RAUL GALLEGOS
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The Associated Press

FORWARD OPERATING BASE AIRBORNE, Afghanistan — At least a couple of times a week, U.S. Army Capt. Alfonso Johnson opens his laptop at his base in Afghanistan and plays a rap video — a clip with his young son singing of his fears his father will die in combat.

"I'm 11 years old, already grown up, 'cause my dad's been gone so much," Xavier chants into a microphone, his head bobbing to a hip-hop beat. Then the boy gets more blunt: "I'm feeling real sad now, I can't lie, 'cause there's a chance that my dad might die."

Rather than depressing him, Johnson says the song, called "Keep 'em Safe," makes him feel closer to his son. That is partly because of the memory of working with Xavier to make the song and video in the U.S. But the lyrics also have a harsh honesty that lets 37-year-old Johnson feel the torrent of emotions his son, now 13, is experiencing back in Fort Drum, N.Y.

Monday marks Memorial Day, when military families confront the reality of soldier deaths directly. Johnson hopes their song can help other children deal with their fears.

"Kids watch the news all the time, and they know that soldiers are dying in combat," Johnson said. He has been stationed since

January in a valley in Wardak, a mountainous province a short drive from Kabul, where U.S. and Afghan forces have been fighting Taliban militants.

Johnson serves as a public affairs officer. Rather than stress that he does not go into combat each day or play down the risks, he told Xavier before his deployment that the Afghan mountains were dangerous and he would have to carry a gun wherever he goes. He is scheduled to serve a one-year tour.

"Keep 'em Safe" originated from a poem that Xavier wrote just before Johnson was scheduled to leave on a tour of Iraq about two years ago. A medical condition prevented him from making the Iraq deployment and he was reassigned to a group headed to Afghanistan.

Johnson, who keeps a synthesizer plugged into his computer and spends his free time composing hip-hop tracks, picked out a beat and some music and helped his son turn it into the song.

During 19 years living on and off army bases, Johnson said he has seen how children Xavier's age can have a rough time when they bottle up their worries about parents serving in war zones.

"It can help other kids express themselves, say things that they wouldn't say normally," Johnson

said.

Reached by phone in Fort Drum, Xavier said he felt the need to tell

To watch Xavier Johnson's video, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=NnmuvTsyIOU.com

everyone what he and his friends who also have parents serving in Iraq and Afghanistan were feeling.

"I just wanted to express myself," Xavier said, adding that he was nervous about the song at first, but began playing it to more and more people after close friends said they liked it.

The chorus is a plea. He sings, "Keep 'em safe, keep 'em safe, keep 'em super-safe, keep 'em safe till they get back home."

Johnson said he talks to his family on the phone twice a week, but mostly the conversations are about school or family news — not emotions. That's why Johnson says he listens to Xavier's rap — it contains all those feelings they don't talk about on the phone.

After Xavier performed the song at a number of military talent shows, he and his father made a video for it and posted it on YouTube. It has only had a few hundred hits, most of them likely from family and friends, but father and son are just happy to share it with whoever is going through the same struggles.

"Hopefully it just touches some military families," Johnson said as he played the video, his eyes turning a little red, his head moving to the beat.

18 soldiers leave Kuwait after bout with swine flu

The Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY — Eighteen U.S. soldiers infected with swine flu have recovered after treatment on an American base in Kuwait and left the country, a Kuwaiti health official said Sunday.

"They were treated and they have fully recovered," said Youssef Mandakar, deputy head of Kuwait's public health department. He said the soldiers had shown "mild symptoms" of the disease upon their arrival at an Air Force base.

Kuwaiti authorities confirmed that the soldiers came from the United States, but would not say where they had gone, adding that the troops had no contact with the local population and were treated at U.S. military facilities.

"Kuwait is very comfortable with the measures taken there," said Ibrahim Abdul-Hadi, an undersecretary at the Health Ministry. He said the U.S. military has examined and quarantined a number of soldiers who mixed with the infected ones.

U.S. Army Maj. Jose Lopez, a military spokesman, said there were no reported cases of swine flu among U.S. troops in Iraq.

Elsewhere in the Gulf, the

United Arab Emirates confirmed its first case of the illness, saying an airline passenger coming from Canada had been found to be infected and was being treated at a hospital there.

The country's health minister, Hanif Hassan, was quoted by the official news agency as saying that the patient no longer showed symptoms but would remain in treatment for 10 days. The news report did not give the patient's nationality.

The World Health Organization's global tally now stands at 12,022 cases and 86 deaths in 42 countries.

More than half of those cases have been reported in the United States, while most of the deaths occurred in Mexico, where the virus was first detected.

Poland's Chief Sanitary Inspectorate on Sunday confirmed the country's third case of swine flu in a 21-year-old who had just returned to Poland from the U.S.

Jan Bondar, the spokesman for the state office, said the man returned to Poland on Friday and presented himself at a hospital for testing after getting a call from a friend in Washington whom he had spent time with and who had contracted the virus.

U.S.: Mosul blast leaves 1 dead, 38 others injured

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide car bomb targeting an American convoy exploded Sunday near a checkpoint in the troubled northern city of Mosul, killing one Iraqi and wounding 38 others, U.S. officials said.

Lt. Col. David Doherty, a military spokesman, said initial reports showed 38 people were injured and one other was killed.

He said there were no reports of American casualties.

The Iraqi official said 34 civilians were wounded, but none were killed. Conflicting casualty numbers are common in Iraq in the aftermath of an attack.

Also Sunday, the Iraqi defense minister said the criminal court would investigate a deadly U.S. raid in Kut in April that ended with at least one woman dead.

Suspected leader of female-bomber cell arrested

Iraqi forces have arrested a woman thought to be the leader of a suicide bomber network operating in Baghdad, U.S. officials say.

The woman, arrested May 23 on a warrant issued by the Central Investigation Court, is suspected of leading a cell that recruits and prepares women for such attacks.

She was seized by a member of the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Forces while she was trying to flee from a building. She confirmed her identity during questioning and was taken into custody, according to a news release issued by Multi-National Corps-Iraq.

The woman's arrest is a "crippling blow" to the female suicide bomber network in the city, according to Maj. Seth Krummrich, central operations officer with the Special Operations Task Force.

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Pakistan's Islam attacked

BY CHRIS BRUMMITT
The Associated Press

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Worshippers still flock to the grave of Rahman Baba, a Muslim mystic revered by millions in Pakistan and Afghanistan. But they now pray at a mound of rubble and twisted steel — all that remains of his tomb since militants bombed it.

The blast in March was the most high-profile in a recent spate of attacks against Pakistan's homespun, tolerant brand of Islam by hard-liners trying to replace it with the more austere version espoused by the Taliban, al-Qaida and other Sunni extremist groups.



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The attack was a sign of the extreme intolerance of the militants and the threat posed by the insurgency to the religious and cultural heart of Pakistan, a nation of 170 million people that the U.S. sees as critical in the global fight against Islamic extremism.

As in other countries where Islam replaced earlier religions, the faith widely practiced in Pakistan is different to that in its birthplace, the Arabian peninsula. While still devout and socially conservative, most Pakistanis follow or are influenced by Islam's mystical path of Sufism and incorporate local trappings such as visiting the shrines of saints, devotional songs and dancing. Some estimates say up to 75 percent of the country belongs to this group. However, the extremists take their cue instead from Islam as practiced in the deserts of seventh century Arabia and are opposed to Sufism and indigenous forms of the faith — particularly the veneration of saints — which they consider dangerous deviations.

The fissure between the two forms of Islam has left some wondering whether the government or its Western allies could harness the moderation of the Sufis, and any anger they feel toward the militants, against the Taliban's spreading grip over the nuclear-armed nation. In a study in 2007, the U.S.-based RAND cooperation recommended the United States reach out to Sufis to strengthen moderate networks in Muslim countries, citing as an example Indonesia, another Muslim country where foreign groups have been discreetly helping the moderates.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, the de-

scendant of a famous mystic and the keeper of his shrine, speaks often of the need to promote Sufism over extremism. But there has been little sign yet of a sustained effort by the government to reach out to the Sufis as allies or highlight how far out of step the extremists are with the country's religious mainstream.

"If you want to understand the inclusiveness and tolerance of Islam, you have to visit the shrines of Sufis," Qureshi said. "I believe that if you want to counter terrorism in long term, the strongest weapon is not the Kalashnikov, it is education, it is a changing of hearts and minds."

But even with their shrines under attack, Sufis are not rising against the militants or even loudly criticizing them.

Some of this silence is due to fear. The Taliban are known to terrorize and kill opponents. Many people also complain that the security forces would not support them if they put their necks on the line.

Another reason is that for many ordinary Pakistanis, anger at the Taliban is offset by anger at the United States for wars in Afghanistan and Iraq that many here view as directed against Muslims. Experts also note the Taliban are primarily a political movement, not a religious one, despite how they may present their struggle.

"If most of Pakistan believed what the Taliban believe, the story would be over," said Daniel Markey, a senior fellow at the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations. "So there is something there, but a lot of it has to do with political control. They use the rhetoric of Islam and claim to follow a pure version of it, but this is not a religious issue."

The shrines to the saints, which range from simple tombs tucked away in tiny villages to large complexes in cities that rake in thousands of dollars a day in donations, are found across the country.

They are traditionally visited by men and women — another red flag to the extremists, who believe in the strict segregation of the sexes. Such is the pull of the saints, members of the country's tiny Hindu and Christian minorities pray at some shrines — and meet no objection from other worshippers.

Many are havens for hashish smokers and dealers. Beggars, fortune tellers, food hawkers, drummers, devotional singers and wealthy folk handing out plates of lentil curry mingle at the most popular tombs, which pulsate with life late into the night.

Militants have attacked or seized shrines before, but in targeting the resting place of Rahman Baba, they chose one of the most famous tombs in the region.

Scholars say it is hard to overestimate the affection felt by the Pashtun ethnic group of north-west Pakistan and southern Afghanistan for Baba, who lived 300 years ago. In many houses in the region, his verses of love, peace and devotion to God sit alongside the Quran, Islam's holiest book, as the only books on the shelf.

"His grave is the center of Pashtun culture," said Dr. Raj Wali Khattak, from the Peshawar University's Pashtun literature department. "While there is some dispute over who the greatest Pashtun poet is, no one disagrees that he is the most popular."

The attackers, who have not been caught, crept into the complex before dawn as the watchman was praying at the adjoining mosque. They detonated explosives left on the pillars of the tomb and on his tomb before fleeing.

The blasts irreparably damaged the building, which has since been demolished to allow for a new one to be built.

"This place is like a paradise for us," said Khurshed Afridi, who is studying for a masters degree in sociology. "It enhances our mind."



PHOTOS BY EMILIO MORENATTI/AP

Pakistani devotees are checked by a security member at the entrance of the Golra Sharif Shrine on the outskirts of Islamabad, Pakistan. Top: A Pakistani man prays over the rubble of the mausoleum of Sufi poet Rahman Baba in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Pakistani troops progress in reclaiming Swat Valley

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistani troops battling the Taliban have captured several points in the Swat Valley's main town, the army said Sunday.

Elsewhere in the northwest, helicopter gunships pounded alleged militant hide-outs in a tribal region, killing at least 18 people, while police said they had captured an important militant commander and six other Taliban fighters.

Five suspected militants were killed in various parts of Mingora while 14 others were arrested, the army said. Overall in the valley, 10 militants were killed in the past 24 hours while three security troops died, it said.

Officials have downplayed reports that the army would soon expand the offensive to the lawless, semiautonomous tribal re-

gions bordering Afghanistan. However, violence has continued to flare in those areas.

On Sunday morning in the Orakzai tribal region, helicopter gunships pounded suspected militant targets in multiple locations, including a religious school, local government official Mohammad Yasin said.

At least six civilians were among the 18 dead, he said, adding that the targeted spots were strongholds of Hakeemullah Mehsud, a deputy to Pakistani Taliban chief Baitullah Mehsud.

Also Sunday, police in nearby Charsadda district said they caught seven Taliban militants during a raid on a religious school. They included Qari Ihsanullah, a Taliban commander suspected in attacks in Pakistan and Afghanistan, Charsadda police Chief Riaz Khan said.

IN THE WORLD

S. Koreans mourn ex-president

Rival officials turned away from rites

By YOUNG-JOON AHN
The Associated Press

BONGHA, South Korea — Bowing deeply and laying white chrysanthemums before his portrait, tens of thousands of mourners journeyed Sunday to the southern village where former President Roh Moo-hyun killed himself by jumping off a rocky cliff near his home.

Several top officials, including the prime minister, were turned away from the mourning rites for the liberal ex-leader, who had a fractious relationship with conservative opponents his supporters accuse of driving Roh to his death. They pelted a bus carrying conservative politicians with eggs and doused lawmakers with water.

The 62-year-old Roh, who relied on pluck and hard work to rise from his impoverished youth in rural Gimhae to become president in 2003, died Saturday after jumping from a promontory known as Owl's Rock that overlooks his home. He left behind a note describing his suffering over corruption allegations and asking to be cremated.

The government and Roh's family agreed to hold a public "people's funeral" after a seven-day mourning period, most likely on Friday, former Roh aide Han Hyung-min said.

Roh's suicide, just 15 months after he left office, came as he and



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

South Koreans pay their respects to President Roh Moo-hyun at a makeshift shrine in Seoul on Sunday.

his family faced intense questioning about \$6 million given to the Rohs during his presidency by a Seoul businessman implicated in a number of bribery scandals.

The allegations weighed heavily on a man who prided himself on his "clean" record in a country struggling to shake a tradition of corruption. Prosecutors had been grilling Roh, his wife and their two children since last month.

Roh's suicide stunned the nation of 49 million, which was divided

during his presidency between those critical of his outspoken, anti-establishment ways and others who rallied around his efforts to promote democracy, fight corruption and facilitate rapprochement with North Korea.

The mood Sunday in Seoul was somber. A line at Chogy Temple snaked around the lawn and into the street as Seoulites, many dressed in black and bearing flowers, waited to pay their respects. Many sobbed as they

kneled before his smiling portrait.

"I'm really sad. I can feel how much pressure he had been suffering," said Moon Hye-kyung, a 47-year-old businesswoman. "I think he could have endured the pressure if it was leveled against only him, not his family members and aides."

She, like many others, blamed conservatives for Roh's suicide.

"The current government pushed this man into death. No doubt about that," said Moon.

Swiss rescuers search for missing U.S. boy

LAUTERBRUNNEN, Switzerland — Swiss police say they are searching for a U.S. student missing near a popular tourist attraction in the Bernese highlands.

Cantonal (state) police spokeswoman Ursula Stauffer said the 12-year-old boy went missing late Friday during a hike with his family at the Truemmelbach waterfalls near Lauterbrunnen, about 31 miles southeast of the capital, Bern.

Police have posted photos of the boy on a missing persons Web site, but declined to identify him by name because of Swiss privacy rules.

Stauffer told The Associated Press on Sunday that the boy and his family were from Indiana.

Pope Benedict visits site of WWII battle

CASSINO, Italy — Pope Benedict XVI made a pilgrimage Sunday to Monte Cassino, the site of a decisive World War II battle in southern Italy and home to a Benedictine monastery particularly dear to the pontiff.

Benedict was celebrating an open-air Mass followed by vespers in the Monte Cassino abbey, founded in 529 by St. Benedict of Nursia. Known as the father of Western monasticism, St. Benedict is a patron saint of Europe.

Later, the German-born Benedict was to visit the nearby Polish military cemetery, containing the remains of Polish troops.

Horror story printed on toilet paper in Japan

TOKYO — In a country where ghosts are traditionally believed to hide in the loo, a Japanese company is advertising a new literary experience — a horror story printed on toilet paper.

Each roll carries several copies of a new nine-chapter novella written by Koji Suzuki, the Japanese author of the horror story "Ring," which has been made into movies in Japan and Hollywood.

"Drop," set in a public restroom, takes up about 3 feet of a roll and can be read in just a few minutes, according to the manufacturer, Hayashi Paper.

The company promotes the toilet paper, which will sell for 210 yen (\$2.20) a roll, as "a horror experience in the toilet."

From The Associated Press

11 people wounded in Vienna Sikh temple melee

The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Groups of rival worshippers at a Sikh temple in the Austrian capital pulled knives and at least one handgun in a mass fight Sunday, police and ambulance staff said. At least 11 people were wounded.

Witnesses said the fight erupted after a dispute over the sermon, given by a man identi-

fied by the Austria Press Agency as Shri Guru Ravidas Sabha. Police said at least six men, one wielding a gun and the others knives, attacked the preacher. Others rushed to his aid, resulting in the melee.

Police spokesman Michael Takacs told APA that one of the attackers is in critical condition, while the wounds of the others were less serious. More people might have been slightly

hurt and run outside the temple before police arrived, he said.

Four ambulances and three medical helicopters transported the victims to the hospital.

The temple is situated in Vienna-Rudolfshheim, the capital's 15th district. Police cordoned off the area.



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IN THE STATES

So that no one is FORGOTTEN

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Abts, Richard. Adamski, Walter. Ahlman, Enoch.

The names are whisked away by the hot, gusting wind as soon as they are spoken, forgotten in the stream of the next name and the next name and the next name.

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Reading for the alone

Richard Blackaby was just 18 and fresh out of high school in 1966 when he was drafted for Vietnam. His father had served as a Seabee in the U.S. Navy during World

War II, and Blackaby was desperate to follow in his path.

But the Army said no: Blackaby had epilepsy and asthma and was unfit for service.

He later served in the Army as a forward observer, but was honorably discharged in 1984 — as a sergeant who had never experienced combat, had never called in a real air strike or fired at a real target.

Nearly 25 years later, Blackaby's missed opportunity weighs on him. So over the years, Blackaby has spent nearly 30 hours a week among the lost, the abandoned and the forgotten.

Every day, the 60-year-old grandfather with the crinkly, blue-gray eyes slips on the black leather vest that's his personal uniform and stands at attention as the cemetery honors the cremated remains of dozens of abandoned or forgotten veterans.

"If I didn't do it, who would do it?" he says.

Reading for his son

Doctors warned that Joe Landaker's son, Jared, might be mentally challenged after his skull was compressed during his May 3, 1981, birth.

But Jared surprised everyone.

He took calculus in high school, knuckled down in college and got a degree in



Joe Landaker wipes away tears while visiting the grave of his son, Jared, at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif. Landaker helps read the names of those buried here in the annual roll call ceremony.

BRANIMIR KVARTUC
AP

physics. He signed up for the Marines his sophomore year and graduated from officer training school in Quantico, Va., among the top five in his platoon of 80 men.

By fall of 2003, he was in flight school, and on Aug. 18, 2006, Jared shipped out for Iraq as a Marine helicopter pilot flying a CH-46 Sea Knight with the famed HMM-364 Purple Foxes.

"He overcame so many adversities in his life, time after time," his father said.

On Feb. 7, 2007, a week before Jared was expected home in Big Bear City, his father saw that a CH-46 chopper had been shot down while on a medical mission.

"They said there were seven people on board, so I waited. I didn't go to work, waited and waited all day long, waited again for his e-mail or a phone call that he was all right," said Landaker, choking back tears. "It never did come."

Since that day, Landaker has been consumed with keeping his son's memory alive.

And though he won't read his son's name, at least he can ensure the sons of others are not forgotten.

A 'bittersweet bond'

Richard Blackaby and Joe Landaker stand ready to take the podium, two strangers awkwardly chatting before their shared 15 minutes of service.

They discover a bittersweet bond: Blackaby escorted Jared's coffin to his military funeral at the cemetery two years before. The two men embrace, then step to the podium.

Their 15 minutes pass, and they step down. But Blackaby is not finished. He will be there until 2:30 a.m. on this muggy night and back again the next day and the next day and the next. He is patrolling the boundaries of the past, filling gaps in this American story and in his own life — one name at a time.

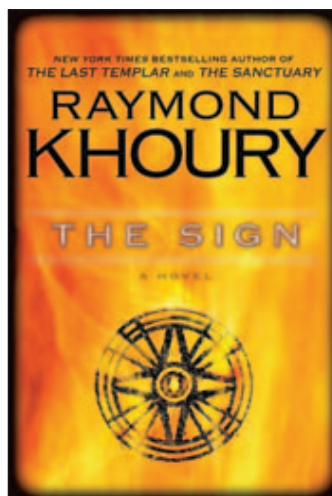
Thunder rolls into Washington



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Tom Hatch, an Army National Guard veteran, cheers the passing motorcyclists during the annual Ride for Freedom in Washington. The ride is done to honor veterans and bring attention to service members killed and missing from all wars. See more photos from the Ride for Freedom at www.stripes.com.

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Powell: GOP must listen to moderates

By DOUGLASS K. DANIEL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The conservative vs. moderate split threatening to rupture the Republican Party played out across the airwaves Sunday, with Colin Powell and Tom Ridge denouncing shrill and judgmental voices they say are steering the GOP too far right. Karl Rove challenged Powell to lay out his vision and “back it up” by helping elect Republicans.

At stake is the GOP's status as a major party, Powell and Ridge suggested.

“I believe we should build on the base because the nation needs two parties, two parties debating each other. But what we have to do is debate and define who we are and what we are and not just listen to dictates that come down from the right wing of the party,” said Powell, the nation's top military officer under President George H.W. Bush and later secretary of state for President

George W. Bush.

Dick Cheney and Rush Limbaugh have openly mocked Powell as a Republican in name only, citing his endorsement of Democrat Barack Obama over Republican John McCain in last year's presidential race.

Powell reaffirmed that he is a solid Republican and said the GOP must be more inclusive or risk giving Democrats and independents the chance to scoop up disaffected moderate Republicans. He detailed his presidential voting history — yes to GOP nominees Ronald Reagan through the younger Bush, but yes also to Democrats John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter.

“If we don't reach out more, the party is going to be sitting on a very, very narrow base. You can only do two things with a base. You can sit on it and watch the world go by, or you can build on the base,” Powell said.

Fellow GOP moderate Ridge, the former Pennsylvania gover-

nor and homeland security secretary under George W. Bush, said if the GOP wants “to restore itself, not as a regional party, but as a national party, we have to be far less judgmental about disagreements within the party and far more judgmental about our disagreement with our friends on the other side of the aisle.”

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a potential presidential candidate in 2012, insisted he didn't want to pick a fight with Cheney. But Gingrich offered this advice: “I think Republicans are going to be very foolish if they run around deciding they're going to see how much they can purge us down to the smallest possible base.”

Cheney, defense secretary when Army Gen. Powell was Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman during the Gulf War in 1991, has made clear that he would rather follow broadcaster Limbaugh than Powell into political battle over the GOP's future.



KARIN COOPER, CBS NEWS/AP

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell appears Sunday on the CBS talk show “Face the Nation,” in Washington.

“I didn't know he was still a Republican,” Cheney said about Powell in a television interview two weeks ago.

Limbaugh has called Powell

“just another liberal,” said he should become a Democrat and charged that Powell endorsed Obama based on race. Both Powell and Obama are black.

Gay U.S. diplomats to get equal benefits, Clinton says

By MATTHEW LEE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will soon announce that gay American diplomats will be given benefits similar to those that their heterosexual counterparts enjoy, U.S. officials said Saturday.

In a notice to be sent soon to State Department employees, Clinton says regulations that denied same-sex couples and their

families the same rights and privileges that straight diplomats enjoyed are “unfair and must end,” as they harm U.S. diplomacy.

“Providing training, medical care and other benefits to domestic partners promote the cohesiveness, safety and effectiveness of our posts abroad,” she says in the message, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press.

“It will also help the department attract and retain personnel in a competitive environment

where domestic partner benefits and allowances are increasingly the norm for world-class employers,” she says.

“At bottom, the department will provide these benefits for both opposite-sex and same-sex domestic partners because it is the right thing to do,” Clinton says.

Among the benefits that will now be granted gay diplomats: the right of domestic partners to hold diplomatic passports, government-paid travel for their partners and

families to and from foreign posts, and the use of U.S. medical facilities abroad.

In addition, gay diplomats' families will now be eligible for U.S. government emergency evacuations and training courses at the Foreign Service Institute, the message says.

The announcement, expected this week, was provided to the AP by a State Department official who is a member of the Gays and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies

organization. Two department officials not affiliated with the organization confirmed its accuracy.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the changes.

Previously, the State Department had withheld some benefits from the families of gay diplomats, citing the Defense of Marriage Law, which had restricted federal recognition of same-sex marriages.

Atlantis lands after historic repair mission



REED SAXON/AP

The space shuttle Atlantis touches down Sunday at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., to conclude its mission to repair the Hubble space telescope. Bad weather in Florida forced the shuttle to land in California. Atlantis ended up circling Earth 197 times and logged 5.3 million miles during a journey in which astronauts refurbished Hubble, keeping it operational for as much as another 10 years.

Critics blast Milwaukee cops in serial killings

By CARRIE ANTLEFINGER
The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Within a 3-square-mile area of Milwaukee's north side, an unknown man strangled six women police say were prostitutes between 1986 and 2007. But it wasn't until this past week that the city's top cop said recent DNA tests had linked the killings.

Some people in the community, including the women's families, wonder why it took police so long to discover the DNA link, and whether some officers' biases against the victims' lifestyles and race kept them from focusing their attention on the crimes.

“Crack whores” is how some officers in past decades referred to prostitutes, said LaVerne McCoy, who retired as a sergeant in January after 25 years in the Milwaukee Police Department.

“They are forgetting that crimes are being committed and this person is continuing to do this because of our attitudes about the

victim. And that's what our priorities should be: Get this murdering criminal off the street,” McCoy said.

The victims are Deborah L. Harris, 31, found on Oct. 10, 1986; Tanya L. Miller, 19, found on Oct. 11, 1986; Sheila Farrior, 37, found on June 27, 1995; Jessica Rose Payne, 16, found on Aug. 30, 1995; Joyce Ann Mims, found on June 20, 1997; and Quithreaun C. Stokes, found on April 27, 2007.

Suspicions of a serial killer had swirled for years. A 1997 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article said then-Police Chief Arthur Jones assigned officers to investigate strangulations of women on the north side after Joyce Mims was found dead in a vacant house.

Last Monday, Police Chief Ed Flynn said DNA tests in the past couple of weeks had linked her death and at least five others to the same unknown man. He said the suspect's DNA was found on a 16-year-old runaway whose throat was slashed, but that someone else likely killed her.

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The Penns: Are they or aren't they?

The Academy Award winning actor was granted a dismissal Tuesday of his request for a legal separation from actress Robin Wright Penn.

Penn filed for separation in Marin County last month, but records show he moved to dismiss that filing. The record does not indicate why.

Penn told the New York Daily News that the filing was "an arrogant mistake."

The couple have had an on-off relationship. They filed for divorce in December 2007 but dismissed that petition several months later.

In February they attended the Academy Awards together, but the 48-year-old actor neglected to thank his wife after winning for his role in the drama "Milk."

Sutherland, designer resolve issues

Kiefer Sutherland and the designer he is accused of head-butting say they've resolved their differences, clearing the way for the charges to be dropped.

Sutherland's representatives told The Associated Press on Friday that the actor is sorry about what happened and regrets McCollough was injured. And the designer, Jack McCollough,



Sean Penn and wife Robin Wright Penn attend the 81st Academy Awards together in February. Penn has withdrawn his petition for separation.

wished the "24" actor well.

Sutherland was charged May 7 with third-degree assault in the incident two weeks ago at a night club at the trendy Mercer Hotel in the SoHo neighborhood of Manhattan. McCollough claimed Sutherland broke his nose after an argument following a star-studded gala. Sutherland is due in court June 22 on the charge.

Jay-Z confirms Def Jam split

There will be no encore for Jay-Z and Def Jam. The rapper confirms reports that he has left the record company where he

made most of his biggest hits and went from artist to president, and back to artist again. In an interview with the Web site RapRadar.com, he thanks the label's executives and calls his time at Def Jam "a unique and fulfilling experience."

Last year, Jay-Z and Live Nation struck a wide-ranging deal that included touring, publishing and albums. Jay-Z had owed Def Jam one more record. A representative for Jay-Z declined to elaborate on his comments.



Jay-Z

Moore's new film to be about economy

Michael Moore's documentary about the economic crisis will hit theaters on Oct. 2. The announcement was made Thursday by Overture Films and Paramount Vantage. The film is not yet titled. Moore earlier planned to make it more broadly about America as an empire. Instead, the documentary explores the causes of the global economic meltdown. Moore has called it "the biggest swindle in American history."

— The Associated Press



All smiles: Sisters open store

The Kardashian sisters were all smiles as they flirted with snapping cameras during the grand opening of their new luxury boutique in Miami Beach, although it had just been vandalized the day before. The reality TV beauties — Kim, Khloe and Kourtney — said Wednesday night at the Cleveland hotel that they were very excited about "getting started" on their new store, Dash Miami. A section of the front window of the store was scratched Tuesday and the letters "GUK" were painted in black on the window frame, a Miami Beach Police Department spokeswoman told The Associated Press. It's not clear what the letters might mean and police say they are investigating the incident.

On her Web site, Kourtney, 30, said nothing was stolen from the store, and that the graffiti wasn't targeting her or her sisters.

The reality show, "Kourtney and Khloe Take Miami" chronicles the adventures of the two sisters during their stay in the magic city. The new reality show is set to air in August.

— The Associated Press

By DAVID GERMAIN
The Associated Press

Heath Ledger's zeal roused his co-stars to up their game in his final film, and his death inspired them — and three A-list friends who completed his role — to carry on with a story the late actor had wanted to see, director Terry Gilliam said Friday.

As Gilliam's "The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus" premiered at the Cannes Film Festival, the filmmaker said Ledger almost co-directed the film.

"Heath was enjoying himself so much, and he was ad-libbing a lot, which I don't normally allow ... but Heath was just brilliant at it, and he got everybody else going," Gilliam said. "Everybody was just energized by Heath. He was extraordinary. He was almost exhausting because he had so much energy."

"That just passed on to everyone else. Everyone's part grew because they were full of Heath's energy," Gilliam said. "What I thought was interesting was to watch people filling the void that Heath left. Everybody was just growing to make sure that there was no void left in the space that Heath had left us."

The movie closes with the dedication: "A film from Heath Ledger and friends."

Ledger's death by an accidental prescription drug overdose on Jan. 22, 2008, left Gilliam with some of the biggest hurdles he has faced in a career filled with tough breaks. Gilliam

LAST PICTURE SHOW
Ledger's friends present his final role

fought prolonged battles with studio executives over both "Brazil" (1985) and his previous Ledger collaboration "The Brothers Grimm" (2005).

In 2000, Gilliam saw his fantasy epic "The Man Who Killed Don Quixote" shut down after a few days of shooting because of a string of mishaps. On Friday, the director said he

would soon restart production on the project.

Gilliam said that, when Ledger died with only about half of his performance for "Doctor Parnassus" filmed, his first thought was to scrap the film.

"Fortunately, I was surrounded by really good people who insisted that I couldn't be such a lazy bastard and that we

had to go out and find a way of finishing the film for Heath," Gilliam said.

His solution was to cast Johnny Depp, Jude Law and Colin Farrell to play incarnations of Ledger during otherworldly portions of the fantasy film.

Ledger's character, Tony, is a slick-tongued fundraiser for children's charities who crosses

Courtesy of Poopoo Pictures

Heath Ledger died during the shooting of "The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus." The movie premiered at the Cannes Film Festival on Friday.

Russian mobsters and is left for dead, hanging under a London bridge. He's rescued by a small theater troupe run by Parnassus (Christopher Plummer), an immortal monk who made a deal with the devil (Tom Waits) and now must find a way to keep the wily demon from taking the soul of his teenage daughter (Lily Cole).

Parnassus is overseer of a magic mirror that sends people to a world of imagination, and the script called for Tony to take three trips to the other side — portions of the film that had not been shot when Ledger died.

Depp, who worked with Gilliam on "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" (1998) and the Quixote picture before it was aborted, stepped in with Law and Farrell to each play an incarnation of Tony on his through-the-looking-glass sequences.

"The real credit has got to go to Johnny, Colin and Jude, which was an extraordinary thing, to come in," Gilliam said. "They're all doing other films, they're involved in other projects, and they came to the rescue of this thing."

"They did it solely, basically, for nothing. The money they would have been paid went to Matilda, Heath's daughter. To me, they're the real heroes."

HEALTH & FITNESS

By SHARI ROAN
Los Angeles Times

Putting energy into

FOCUS

Loaded with caffeine and taurine to stimulate the central nervous system, energy drinks have become the go-to solution when you need a quick, energizing pick-me-up.

But sometimes energy isn't what you need. Concentration and attention can start to fade in the face of those midafternoon doldrums and a host of distractions. Something to perk up the mind and enhance focus would do the trick.

Some beverage manufacturers say they have just the solution. They're touting a new kind of drink that emphasizes focus over ferocity. The key substance is the amino acid L-theanine, which preliminary research suggests might calm the brain to enhance concentration and mental stamina.

Certain formulations of SoBe Lifewater and Vitamin Water contain L-theanine, as does a new beverage called ViB. And Gatorade recently introduced a drink with the amino acid as well. That product — Tiger — was named for and marketed by golfer Tiger Woods, the king of concentration in the sports world.

"Focus and concentration is the next generation of the energy drink," said Scott Smith, vice president of Taiyo International, a major producer of L-theanine in a patented tea extract called Suntheanine. "This will put you in an alert state — in a zone — but it's not going to keep you up at night."

L-theanine is not a new discovery. The substance comes

from the *Camellia sinensis* plant species, otherwise known as tea.

Despite its caffeine content, tea is cherished for its soothing effects.

"It's one of the reasons people drink tea," said Dr. Jack F. Bukowski, a scientist with the Nutritional Science Research Institute, an industry-based nonprofit organization that studies nutritional supplements.

"The combination of the caffeine and the L-theanine gives people the same amount of energy as caffeine alone but less of a jittery-ness."

That may be true for a cup of tea. But much less is known about the benefits of L-theanine when it's extracted from tea and packed into pills or blended into beverages at quadruple the dose.

What intrigues researchers thus far is evidence that L-theanine is readily absorbed in large quantities, crosses the blood-brain barrier and gets into the brain fast.

Several studies suggest that the substance stimulates alpha waves in the brain, which are associated with alertness.

Another study, funded by Lipton tea-maker Unilever, suggested L-theanine may protect the brain from some types of damage and help people who have cognitive

dysfunction. And researchers are also exploring whether the substance could benefit people with mood and neurocognitive disorders.

Of course, it's possible that L-theanine may not have the same positive health effects if separated from the other chemicals found in tea, which is also rich in antioxidants.

"Based on what we know now, I'd stick with drinking tea," said Lenore Arab, of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

The dose found in energy drinks ranges from 50 milligrams to 200 milligrams, says Taiyo's Smith. Studies show that the effects increase with the dosage. L-theanine tends to stay in the brain for about six hours.

The effects are clearly subtle, adds Bukowski, who has performed consulting work for Taiyo.

"For someone who has to really concentrate, for example, in golf where you have to really concentrate while putting the ball and striking the ball, it could help keep your game plan in check without being jittery and emotional," he says.

"It would be less useful for running in a marathon or something purely aerobic. It's not ever going to be as big as caffeine because you don't get that jolt you get with caffeine."

HOW TO

exercise after being on your feet all day

By JEANNINE STEIN
Los Angeles Times

Being on your feet all day has its pros and cons: Muscles get a workout, joints and tendons stay limber through use, and, of course, there's the calorie burn. But it also can lead to sore legs, wear and tear on the back's discs, and poor posture from hunching forward when fatigued.

Even those folks achieving their 10,000 steps a day — doctors, nurses, waitresses, construction workers, hairstylists — still need maintenance. Repeating movement patterns every day leads to underutilized muscle groups growing weak.

We asked two trainers what they would recommend for those continually on the go:

People who move all day tend to have issues such as tight hip flexors, calves and hamstrings, lower lumbar (back) pain, core weakness and rounded shoulders. ... Generally the most weak areas are the core, the quadriceps and the glutes, because they're not always firing all day.

Calisthenics are good: jumping jacks, jumping rope, scissor jumps, side-to-side stepping, knee pull-ups, movement exercises on different planes. It also breaks up the monotony while getting the heart rate up.

For the hip flexors, stretch the adductors (muscles on the inside of the thigh) by doing a diagonal lunge. Keep one leg straight while stepping, the other is out to the side diagonally. Keep the knee bent and under the torso. Hold for about 10 to 30 seconds, and switch sides.

Laura Christy, Meridian's Bodies in Motion
Los Angeles

Some jobs are done by rote — it's the same activity and they know what to expect. ... But other jobs are intellectually stimulating. Their mental endurance is related to their physical endurance.

For the first group, I'll put together things that they're not used to, to keep them off balance — literally. I'll throw them off a bit physically to get them to focus mentally. I have a guy who loves to lift weights, so I make him walk up a steep incline, then come down walking backward.

The second group doesn't want to figure things out. ... If you don't want to think too much at the gym, write down some things ahead of time. Or do the pre-programmed routines on the cardio machines.

Erik Flowers, Body Builders Gym
Los Angeles

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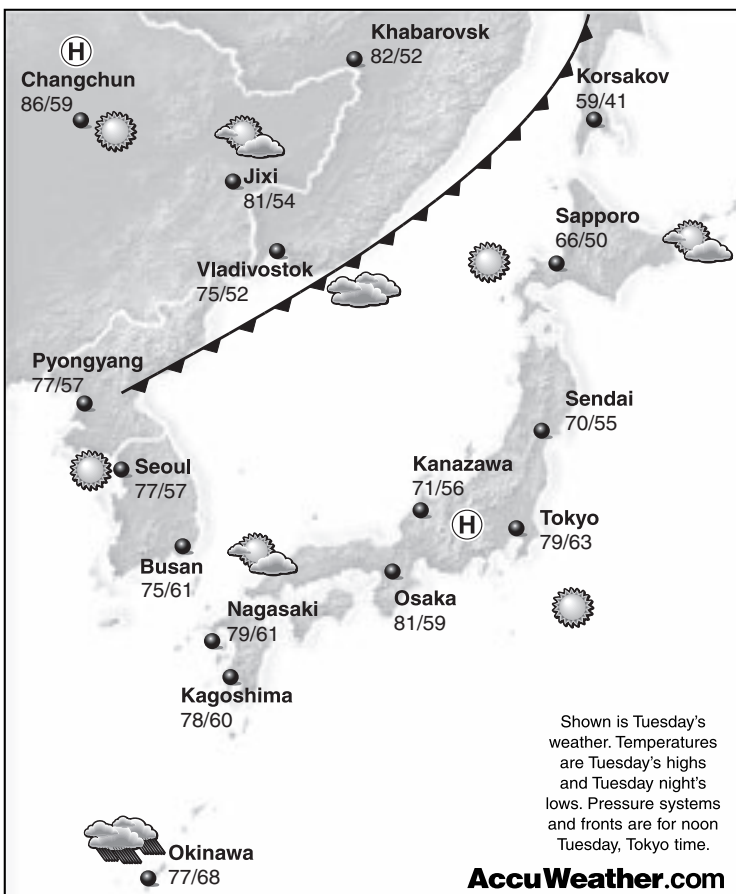
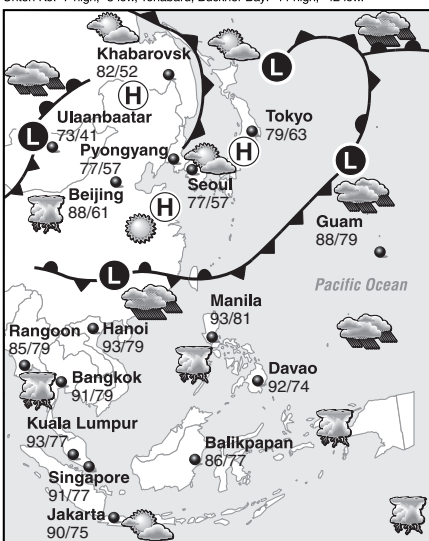
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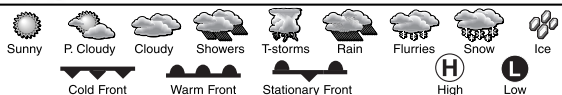
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City	Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	69	47	Cldy
Edmonton	68	45	Cldy
Halifax	57	38	Sun
Iqaluit	40	29	PCldy
Montreal	66	45	PCldy
Ottawa	67	48	PCldy
Quebec	61	39	PCldy
Regina	78	53	PCldy
Toronto	62	54	PCldy
Vancouver	63	51	PCldy
Whitehorse	64	38	PCldy
Windsor	69	58	Tsm
Winnipeg	63	48	Sun
Yellowknife	50	31	Sun

EUROPE

City	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	58	48	Rain
Athens	86	72	Sun
Belgrade	87	65	Sun
Berlin	87	59	Tsm
Brussels	60	41	Rain
Dublin	57	45	PCldy
Glasgow	62	48	PCldy
Lisbon	75	59	Sun
London	66	48	Rain
Madrid	77	48	Sun
Moscow	52	43	PCldy
Moscow	62	48	Rain
Rome	84	57	PCldy
Warsaw	72	49	Sun

MIDDLE EAST

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Ashgabat	83	65	PCldy
Baghdad	105	70	Sun
Cairo	94	70	Sun
Dhahran	110	84	Sun
Islamabad	114	76	Sun
Isirlik	83	65	Sun
Kabul	86	57	Sun
Kandahar	108	70	Sun
Karachi	100	84	Sun
Kuwait	112	91	Sun
Mazar-e-Sharif	103	73	PCldy
Tehran	88	69	Sun
Tel Aviv	81	64	Sun
Zahedan	99	69	Sun

AFRICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abidjan	88	74	Tsm
Algiers	78	60	PCldy
Cape Town	73	57	Sun
Casablanca	78	64	Sun
Durban	72	55	Shwr
Freetown	91	73	Sun
Kano	101	72	PCldy
Khartoum	108	76	Sun
Kisangani	77	68	Tsm
Luanda	84	72	Sun
Malakal	88	69	Tsm
Mogadishu	86	74	Sun
Tabora	86	61	Sun
Timbuktu	115	77	PCldy

LATIN AMERICA

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Acapulco	87	74	Sun
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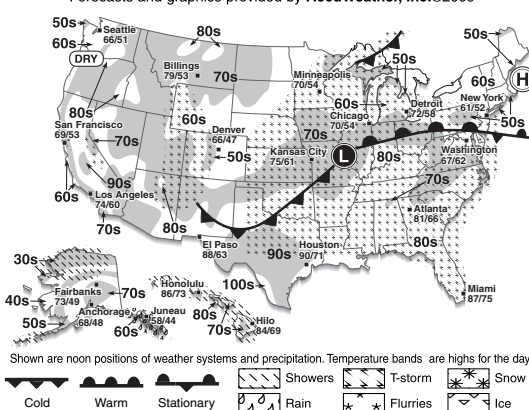
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Kathmandu	94	68	Tsm
Melbourne	64	48	PCldy
Mumbai	93	82	Sun
New Delhi	104	82	Sun
Phnom Penh	91	79	Tsm
Shanghai	79	59	Sun
Sydney	72	55	PCldy
Taipei	79	72	Shwr
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TUESDAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abilene, TX	90	63	Tsm
Akron, OH	72	59	Tsm
Albany, NY	65	47	PCldy
Albuquerque	79	55	PCldy
Allentown, PA	69	53	Rain
Amarillo	78	54	Rain
Anchorage	68	48	PCldy
Asheville	75	61	Tsm
Atlanta	81	66	Tsm
Atlantic City	61	42	Rain
Austin	92	71	Sun
Baltimore	65	56	Rain
Baton Rouge	86	69	Tsm
Billings	79	53	Sun
Birmingham	82	68	Tsm
Bismarck	74	48	PCldy
Boise	84	56	Sun
Boston	60	48	PCldy
Bridgeport	62	51	Rain
Brownsville	96	77	Sun
Buffalo	67	53	Rain
Burlington	68	45	Sun
Caribou, ME	60	36	Sun
Casper	73	41	PCldy
Charleston, SC	82	67	Tsm
Charleston, WV	80	64	Tsm
Charlotte, NC	80	65	Tsm
Chattanooga	84	66	Tsm
Cheyenne	65	42	PCldy
Chicago	70	54	Tsm
Cincinnati	80	65	Tsm
Cleveland	71	58	Tsm
Colorado Sprgs.	65	44	Tsm
Columbia, SC	82	66	Tsm
Columbus, GA	85	68	Tsm
Columbus, OH	78	64	Tsm
Concord, NH	65	41	Sun
Corpus Christi	93	73	Sun
Dallas	89	68	PCldy
Dayton	78	65	Tsm
Daytona Beach	85	69	Tsm
Denver	66	47	Cldy
Des Moines	74	58	Tsm
Detroit	72	58	Tsm
Duluth	54	41	Tsm
El Paso	88	63	PCldy
Elkins	73	59	Tsm
Erie	67	54	Tsm
Eugene	75	45	PCldy
Evansville	82	67	Tsm
Fairbanks	73	49	PCldy
Fargo	65	48	PCldy
Flagstaff	70	39	Tsm
Flint	70	55	Tsm
Fort Smith	85	66	Tsm
Fort Wayne	75	60	Tsm
Fresno	94	64	Sun
Goodland	65	48	Tsm
Grand Junction	74	51	Cldy
Grand Rapids	69	54	Tsm
Grand Falls	81	47	Sun
Green Bay	60	48	Tsm
Greensboro, NC	77	64	Tsm
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Huntsville	81	67	Tsm
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Kansas City	75	61	Tsm
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Las Vegas	96	73	Sun
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Waco	91	70	PCldy
Washington, DC	67	62	Rain
W. Palm Beach	86	71	Tsm
Wichita	75	59	Tsm
Wichita Falls	87	63	PCldy
Wilkes-Barre	58	51	Rain
Wilmington, DE	60	58	Rain
Yakima	80	48	PCldy

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OPINION

Photos document power of respect

Scripps Howard News Service editorial

An event of special relevance to this Memorial Day passed almost without notice last month. For the first time in 18 years, the press was allowed to be present at — and photograph — the arrival of a flag-draped military coffin at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

The fallen, a 30-year-old Air Force staff sergeant killed in Afghanistan, was received by an honor guard in a 17-minute ceremony conducted in silence except for the command, "Present arms."

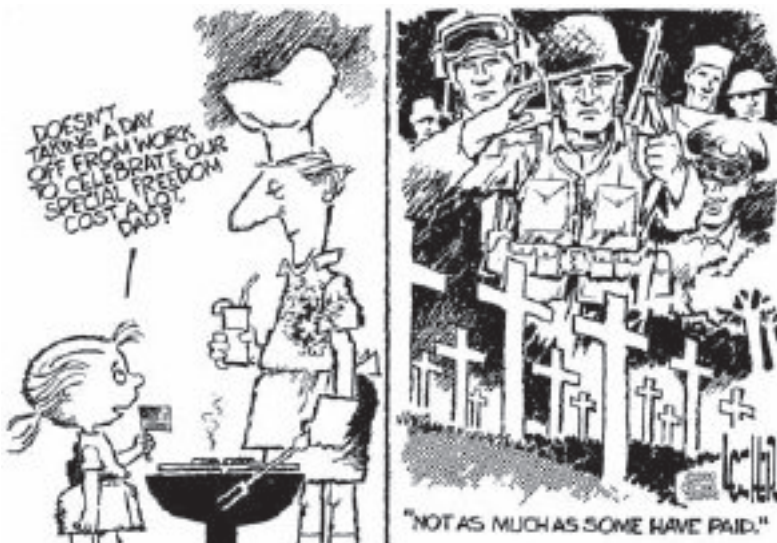
It was done with military precision. The pallbearers do not fidget, cough, sneeze, look around and never loosen their grip no matter how cold it gets, wrote Christian Davenport of The Washington Post: "Those are the rules when it's 4 a.m. and it's dark and there's no one around."

The dead are generally received by honor guards from their particular service, the Army, the majority of the casualties, by the Old Guard, the meticulous unit that provides the burial details at Arlington National Cemetery and guards the Tomb of the Unknowns, the focal point of the capital's Memorial Day observance.

The ban on taking or distributing photos of the coffins was controversial when President George H.W. Bush imposed it in 1991 at the outset of the Persian Gulf War. It was controversial when President George W. Bush reinforced the prohibition as he launched the invasion of Iraq.

The shroud of secrecy parted twice. In 2004, a newspaper published a photo taken by a military contractor in Kuwait of rows of coffins neatly arrayed under their flags in the bay of a huge cargo plane. The contractor was immediately fired. The following year, the Air Force released in response to a Freedom of Information filing hundreds of images, although without identities, that the service itself had taken.

The ban became controversial again when President Barack Obama and De-



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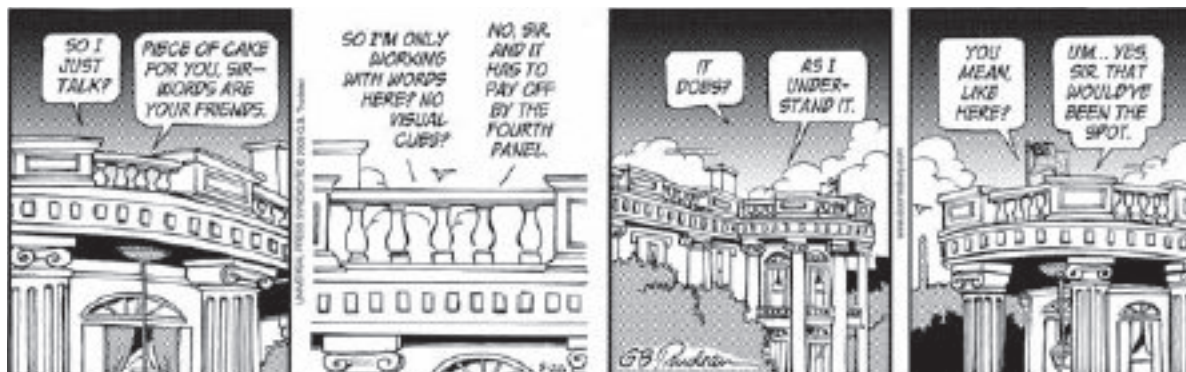
fense Secretary Robert Gates decided to lift it. But the controversy quickly passed because the solution to respecting the feelings of the fallen warriors' friends and families was simple and obvious: Ask their permission. Some say no, preferring that their grief be private; others say yes, wanting their sacrifice to be publicly acknowledged.

Regrettably, wars do have to be fought and inevitably men and women die fighting them. It is not asking a great deal of the nation to honor those dead, which we do admirably. This is the 141st Memorial Day since the observance was first declared three years after the Civil War.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury



OPINION

The real health care problem is Medicare

By DAN THOMASSON

Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON It looks as though the Obama administration and the Democratic-controlled Congress are going to have to deal with Social Security and Medicare much sooner than they would have liked considering the estimates of accelerated decline in the trust funds for the huge programs. That's the way it looks, all right. But don't bet the farm on it happening.

Don't misunderstand. It will still be awhile before Social Security runs out of dough. The trustees reported that because of job losses they now believe that instead of 2040 when the fund was supposed to crash it will be 2037. But the estimates for Medicare depletion are much more alarming — 2017 to be exact, just a year after Obama would leave office if he wins another term and nothing is done to curb the drain.

When Obama launched his initiatives for change, Social Security was conspicuously absent from the list. There were those who wondered how he could move forward without some indication of how he was going to stabilize the growth in the enormously expensive programs. Many of those doing the wondering saw the omission as an attempt to avoid getting bogged down in the political quagmire of entitlements in his first days in office. He simply had bigger fish to fry and a national debate on Social Security and Medicare could put out the fire.

But the trustees' report can't be ignored

and there was instant speculation that the problems of the Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance fund and Medicare would have to be tackled as soon as overhauling the health care system is finished, a gigantic task in its own right. Then, of course, the president must face a Congress and a powerful old-age lobby always reluctant to take any decisive step toward reform in the programs, especially when every move is interpreted as eroding benefits, even those proposals that merely cut the rate of growth.

It is and always will be a political loser and the party that takes a stance on the issue can expect a mauling for their trouble. Ask George W. Bush, whose national campaign to effect reform that included a voluntary privatization feature cost him nearly as much in approval as his invasion of Iraq and the collapse of the economy. In the end it was, as in most administrations, a lost cause. Ronald Reagan once threatened to fire anyone who mentioned the subject after he was severely castigated for even small changes.

There seems little chance that the White House and its supporters on Capitol Hill will be able to squeeze an effort into this year's legislative agenda. So that leaves us right in the middle of an election year and anyone who believes it will happen then hasn't been paying attention to history. It would take a miracle for the political hot potato of all political hot potatoes to be dealt with as Americans prepared to go to the polls. Are you kidding me? There isn't enough courage in Congress to fill a day's debate on that subject.



Congress ultimately will deal with the situation as the crisis gets nearer. But a substantial effort toward lasting stabilization will have to come straight out of the White House and it will take the strongest kind of leadership. Otherwise there will be as always a patchwork of temporary fixes including a tax hike for participants and their employers who must match the contributions.

The betting is that Obama will create or propose the creation of one of those blue-ribbon panels of experts to explore meaningful reform. That's fine. But other such commissions eventually find their

recommendations too strong medicine for the lawmakers who quake at the political impact of long-term solutions. They end up abandoned in favor of the quick fixes.

Will the latest dire predictions jolt the president into action earlier than he wanted? One can only hope so, but the betting is that it won't be all that soon. Health care is his initial signature initiative as it was with the Clinton administration. Meanwhile, the real national domestic problem, how to rebalance the giant entitlement programs, will go unattended.

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Just say no to government health care plantation

By STAR PARKER

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FOUR Republicans — Sens. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma and Richard Burr of North Carolina along with Reps. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Devin Nunes of California — have fired the first salvo in the great health care reform debate.

They've introduced the Patients' Choice Act. Now, although we have a pretty good idea of what Democrats have in mind, we await crystallization of their ideas into legislation.

The difference of approach of the two parties on health care rides on the same basic question that divides the country and the parties on everything else. Are the problems we're facing today the result of too much government intervention in our economy and our lives or not enough?

The Patients' Choice Act reflects Republican thinking that health care costs are out of control and, as result, not affordable for many, because of too much government. It allows Americans to take direct control of their health care expenditures by giving families and individuals cash in the form of a tax credit (\$5,700 and \$2,300, respectively) to buy insurance and set up a Health Savings Account.

Democrats will take things in the opposite direction. Rather than controlling costs and access through more competition and consumer control, they see it coming from more government and regulation. Mandates on employers to provide insurance, fines if they don't, and using those funds to finance a new subsidized government plan.

And central to cost control are government bureaucrats defining what procedures may be used and determining what physicians will be compensated.

I'd suggest two considerations in assessing whether today's runaway costs and

inefficiencies are the result of too much government or not enough.

First, we already have massive government involvement in health care. Practically half of all health care delivered today comes directly from government programs — mainly those begun in the 1960s. Medicare, Medicaid, and then later the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

Only 35 percent of health care is paid for through private insurance. Some 87 percent of it is paid for by third parties — either government or employers. In 1960, 60 percent of Americans' health care expenditures were out of their own pocket. Today it is 12 percent.

So massive growth in health care spending and cost escalation correlates directly with increasing government involvement in this marketplace and decreasing consumer control over their own expenditures. Does this tell you something?

Second, to see government health care at work, we don't need to look at Canada

or Great Britain or Cuba. Fifty-nine million Americans already have it. It's called Medicaid.

Medicaid was passed in 1965 to cover health care for poor Americans. It is a pure entitlement. If you qualify, you are covered. Government, both federal and state, pays.

Bureaucrats define what is covered and how much physicians will be paid. And, as result, there is a huge gap between being covered and actually getting health care.

On average, 40 percent of physicians won't accept Medicaid patients. They are paid less than what it costs them to provide the care. In a survey done last year by Merritt Hawkins, a health care manpower firm, 65 percent of physicians said reimbursements from Medicaid were less than their costs.

Merritt Hawkins did a survey this year of physicians of different specialties in 15 different cities on acceptance of Medicaid patients. In Washington, D.C., for example, which has the highest incidence of chil-

dren living in poverty in the country, only 63 percent of surveyed physicians in family practice will accept Medicaid patients.

A federal district appeals court ruled just a few weeks ago — affecting Alabama, Florida and Georgia — that state Medicaid programs can't be forced to pay if they disagree with a doctor's decision regarding care. In this particular case, Medicaid officials disagreed with the amount of nursing care prescribed by a physician for a teenager who suffers seizures.

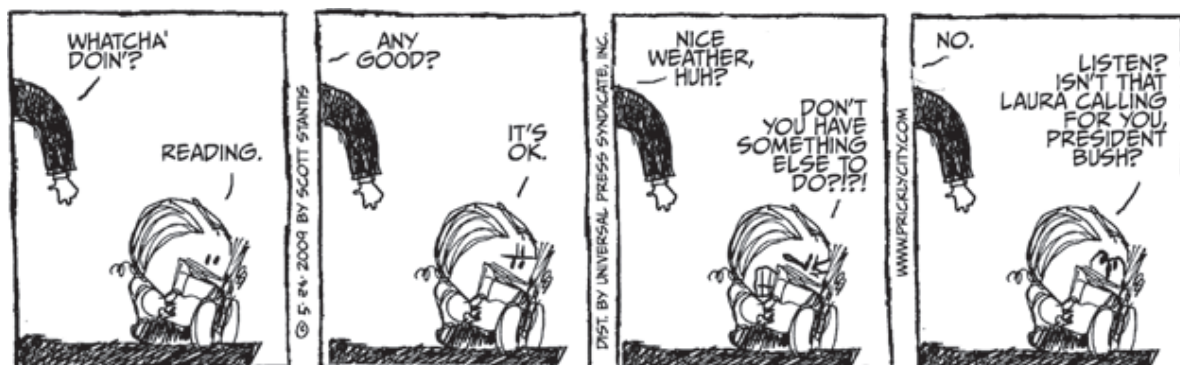
A study cited by Dr. Scott Gottlieb, a physician and health care expert at the American Enterprise Institute, showed Medicaid patients to be 50 percent more likely to die after heart bypass surgery than patients with private coverage or Medicare.

Move the whole nation onto a new government health-care plantation?

No thanks. I'll take freedom and personal responsibility.

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Prickly City



By SCOTT STANTIS

Alderman accused of sex crime

MD ANNAPOLIS — An Annapolis alderman who was charged with a sexual crime and assault on a 21-year-old Naval Academy midshipman has denied the allegations and said he would fight them in court.

Police charging documents said Alderman Samuel Shropshire touched a male midshipman's crotch in a car. Shropshire, a 61-year-old Democratic candidate for Annapolis mayor, was charged with second-degree assault and a fourth-degree sex offense, police said.

Shropshire, elected city council alderman in 2005, had sponsored the midshipman under a Naval Academy program designed to give students a break from their rigorous military studies, his lawyer said.

No court dates have been set, Cochran said.

Dead squirrel prompts animal cruelty suit

NJ HAZLET — The owner of a New Jersey pest control company has been charged with animal cruelty after a squirrel was found dead in a rooftop trap.

Chief Buddy Amato says a professional complex hired Critter Ridder owner Kathleen Buck to help get rid of the squirrel. He says a trap was set for the animal, and no one returned to check on it.

Amato says the squirrel was found "cooked to death on the hot roof" that afternoon.

Buck faces four counts of animal cruelty, including one that cites her for not providing the squirrel with adequate food, water and shelter.

She calls the situation a "misunderstanding," and says customers usually call when an animal is caught.

No death sentence for mother who killed son

NM ALBUQUERQUE — A single mother accused of suffocating her 3-year-old son and burying him in a playground will face life in prison if convicted of first-degree murder, prosecutors say.

Tiffany Toribio, 23, was charged with first-degree murder, child abuse and other counts related to the death of her son, Tyruss "Ty" Toribio, on May 13. His body was discovered two days later.

Bernalillo County District Attorney Kari Brandenburg said no circumstances would qualify Toribio for the death penalty.

Albuquerque police had said Toribio was recently homeless because she had been kicked out of her mother's house and a friend's apartment for ignoring her son.

Toribio remained jailed on \$250,000 bond.

Sheriff defends deputy's slamming man into wall

WA SEATTLE — Authorities have released surveillance video showing a burly sheriff's deputy slamming a man

local states instead of by all eight Great Lakes states.

Famed felon hosts 'Teacher' bar night

WA SEATTLE — A teacher who became notorious in the 1990s for having an affair with a sixth-grader is hosting a "Hot for Teacher" night at a Seattle bar — along with the former student, now her husband.

Bar owner Mike Morris says Mary Kay Letourneau has served her sentence and it's OK for the couple to have some fun.

The 47-year-old Letourneau served seven years in prison after pleading guilty in 1997 to raping Vili Fualaau, now 26. They met when Fualaau was in second grade and began their affair when he was 12 and she was a 34-year-old married mother of four.

The couple were married in 2005 and now have two daughters together.

6-year-old takes wheel for ailing father

NE NORTH PLATTE — A 6-year-old boy grabbed the wheel of his family's pickup truck when his father passed out from low blood sugar, keeping the vehicle from crashing until an officer could bring it to a halt, police said.

Tustin Mains was in the back seat with his 3-year-old brother when his father, Phillip Mains, slumped over at the wheel, the boy told police. The family had been driving home from a restaurant.

The Chevrolet Avalanche was going an estimated 10 to 15 mph, police said. The kindergartner steered the truck several blocks, even turning around when he entered a neighborhood he didn't recognize, until he was spotted by police.

North Platte officer Roger Freeze ran up to the moving pickup, reached through an open window and rammed the gearshift into park.

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head first into a wall, leaving him in a coma.

Christopher Harris remains in critical condition at Harborview Medical Center, his family says. The 29-year-old had been pursued by deputies after a witness wrongly identified him as a suspect in an assault.

Sheriff's Sgt. John Urquhart said Deputy Matthew Paul did not violate policy in tackling Harris. He said Harris was trying to get away, and calls the injury "a tragic accident."

City gets OK to dip into Lake Michigan

WI MADISON — The city of New Berlin will get more water from Lake Michigan after receiving state approval; it's the first such action in Wisconsin since the Great Lakes Compact was signed last year.

Parts of New Berlin already receive water from the lake, but now parts of the city that are outside the Great Lakes basin will be able to draw an average of more than 2 million gallons daily.

The Milwaukee suburb sought an exemption from the federal law because it straddles the boundary of the basin. That means waterways on one side flow to Lake Michigan, but those on the other side flow to the Mississippi River.

Diversion requests from similarly situated communities as New Berlin are considered by their



Musical tribute

Cadet Darian Morris, a trombonist with the Valley Forge Military Academy Band, plays a patriotic tune during a Salute to Veterans at Clipper Magazine Stadium in Lancaster, Pa.



A watery problem

Students try to get clear of the raft they built after it came apart in the water at Lotus Lake Discovery Center in Williamstown, Vt.



Star-spangled street

Jared Cooksey, an employee with the City of Laramie, unravels an American flag as one of several flags posted along the Avenue of Flags at Greenhill Cemetery in Laramie, Wyo.



Fetch!

Cinnamon, a 6-year-old golden retriever, chases the ball thrown by 14-year-old Stephen Markham at the opening of the Las Cruces Dog Park in Las Cruces, N.M.



Ready to roll

People walk past a line of bikes in Atlantic Beach, N.C., during the first day of the Atlantic Beach Bikefest.



Splish, splash

Ahdeosun Aiken, 12, stands under a water fountain at the city spray park in Batavia, N.Y.



Mirror image

A duckling sticks close to its mom while swimming at Lakeside Park in Pittsburg, Kan.



Somthing bear-y odd is going on here Black and grizzly bears wander around on Charlie Vandergaw's property near Alexander Creek, Alaska. The 70-year-old retired science teacher who has been feeding bears at his property in the Susitna River valley about 50 miles northwest of Anchorage, Alaska, for 20 years was charged with 20 counts of illegally feeding game this month.

Raided slaughterhouse may be sold soon

IA IOWA CITY — A kosher slaughterhouse that was the site of a massive immigration raid last year could find a buyer soon, a bankruptcy trustee said.

"A sale is in the works and we should have an announcement," said Joe Sarachek, who is overseeing the sale of Agriprocessors Inc.

He had said the plant was more valuable whole than it would be split into parts, given its specific construction and the equipment designed to process kosher meat.

Immigration agents raided the Agriprocessors slaughterhouse in Postville in May 2008 and arrested 389 people. Several former executives and plant managers face immigration, bank fraud and money laundering charges.

New trial for inmate who claimed police abuse

IL CHICAGO — An inmate who claimed police tortured him into confessing to two murders he didn't commit was granted a new trial after 18 years behind bars.

Circuit Judge Clayton Crane granted the request from Victor Safford, 38, following a hearing that included evidence Safford was tortured. Based on his confession, Safford was sentenced to death for murder. The sentence was later commuted to life.

Safford said he was tortured by Chicago detectives working under Commander Jon Burge. Burge, 60, has pleaded not guilty to federal charges of lying under oath about the torture of African-American suspects by his police unit during the 1970s and '80s.

Humor site's hijacking of online vote thwarted

NE LINCOLN — Nebraska threw out thousands of votes — online votes for its new license plate — after discovering that a minimalist approach initially won only because a humor Web site had urged people to choose the most boring design.

Department of Motor Vehicles Director Beverly Neth announced that a white, gold and black plate featuring the state bird and state flower — the western meadowlark and goldenrod — is the actual winner of online voting. The new plates go into use in 2011.

The winner had been a black-and-white plate with the URL of Nebraska's Web site in red. But those results were skewed by a prank instigated by collegehumor.com, which encouraged people to vote for what it deemed to be the most boring design.

Probation for McCain volunteer in fake attack

PA PITTSBURGH — A former John McCain campaign volunteer who falsely claimed she was attacked in Pittsburgh because she had the candidate's bumper sticker on her car will spend nine months on probation in a special program for first-time offenders.

An Allegheny County judge accepted Ashley Todd, 21, of College Station, Texas, into the program along with about 120 others — mostly drunk drivers — in a group

court appearance.

"This is a privilege to be in this program," Senior Common Pleas Judge Robert Gallo told the group. "In normal language, you're getting a break today."

In October, Todd claimed a Barack Obama supporter robbed and assaulted her near an automatic teller machine in Pittsburgh, and then scratched a "B" on her cheek after noticing the McCain sticker on her car. Police said they doubted her story from the start — in part because the "B" on her face was backward — and eventually determined she made it up. She was charged with a misdemeanor false report count.

Todd must also perform 50 hours of unspecified community service. If she completes the probation without incident, her criminal record will be expunged.

ACLU rips school over child's Milk report

CA SAN DIEGO — The American Civil Liberties Union is demanding that school officials in the northern San Diego County community of Ramona apologize to a sixth-grade student who was not allowed to present her report on slain San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk during class time.

Instead, the principal sent letters to parents giving them the option of not allowing their child to listen to the presentation by classmate Natalie Jones. Officials cited the district policy requiring that parents be notified before any classroom instruction about sex, AIDS or "family life."

About half the class received permission and listened to the report, which was given during lunch hour rather than regular classroom time like other students' reports, the ACLU said.

The sixth-grader at Mount Woodson Elementary School said she decided to do a report on Harvey Milk after seeing the movie "Milk," starring Sean Penn. Milk was one of the first openly gay elected officials in the United States, although his political legacy is not restricted to issues of sexuality.

Ohio family feud leads to dueling candy stores

OH GRANVILLE — Candy makers Greg and Socrates Goumas are opening a new store and are armed with their grandfather's secret recipes, but so is their older brother — and he's moving in 100 feet away.

When George Goumas returned to Ohio from Sanibel Island, Fla., to run his family's candy business, he had his mother's blessing but he squeezed out his brothers, chief chocolatiers at Goumas Candyland.

The feud came to a head in December, when detectives were called to one of the family's stores and Greg and Socrates were ordered off the premises.

So the two younger brothers opened their own store and now plan a second in Granville, just down the street from their brother's third planned location.

But shoppers will likely be the ones to determine which Candyman can — and which ends up stuck in a chocolate swamp.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

The Cancer moon is a nurturing yet stern mother who points out the instances in which we are acting out of emotional immaturity. Well, not even the oldest grown-up can act like an adult all of the time. The children inside, preserved at their youthful ages, will find their opportunities to have a voice — and there's nothing wrong with that!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(MAY 26). You set the bar high this year and the challenge invigorates you. You imagine yourself getting to a new place in your career and will quickly progress along the lines of your vision. There is an important commitment you make in June. August brings travel, new faces and adventure. An investment pays in November. Pisces and Cancer adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're serious about doing business and your professionalism is unparalleled. You still have to win over the other people involved, though. It's through a bit of silliness that you'll make a connection.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). One of life's quizzes has been canceled. The pressure is off. And here's another relief: You won't have to fight for your principles. All you have to do is live them, which is so much trickier than it sounds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll wield all kinds of power today — sensual, intellectual, political ... your presence is definitely respected. However, what makes you the most proud will be the power you wield over your own thought process.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's easier to start over at square one than it is to fix a problem. You'll get a "do-over" in a relationship. This time, let your defenses down and show up just as you feel, no pretense. You're loveable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can lean on your loved ones. You should

lean on them. Otherwise, they don't get a chance to support you. A support system that doesn't get used will atrophy. Ask for help.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You like a challenge. You need a chase. If a goal is too easily accomplished, it's a bore. That said, you need to get a few of those "boring" goals out of the way before you tackle the big ones today.

Holiday Mathis



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Opportunities are fleeting. Move fast to catch up to where you know you need to be. No need for fond farewells. No need for graceful movement as you transfer. Simply gather yourself and go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even though you are midstream, you get to begin again! This time around, integrate the ideas of those with whom you are traveling. When everyone's say is validated and incorporated, you will achieve success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Romance is mysterious. When you seek to create passionate scenarios, they often elude you. And then out of the blue when you're no longer trying, a certain smile rocks your world.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Recent events, some of them unpleasant, were essential for your success. And now you understand in certain and simple terms what you must do next. It's like you are standing barefoot, feet in the dirt ready to bloom.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Follow your heart and hire the happy person to assist you — even if this person is your friend. The skills you have cultivated over the last seven years enable you to do the work you want. Delegate and achieve.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). For a project to hold your attention, its end reward must include more than money. It must engage your talent and your imagination. Focus only on projects that attract you on many different levels.

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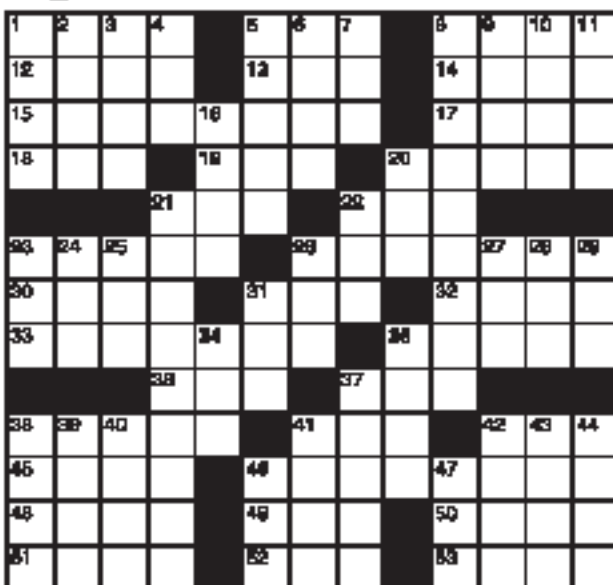
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 19 Garfield, for one
- 20 Rhythm partner
- 21 Pale container
- 22 Chili format
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals S

Deadline woes symptom of ADD

Dear Abby: I disagree with your response to "Needs Help Finishing Th ..." (Feb. 23), who can't complete her projects now that she has graduated from college. I could have written that letter, except that I graduated from college 30 years ago.

I have always had problems finishing anything that didn't have specific external consequences if it wasn't completed. Now that I'm in graduate school, this trait has become a real problem. I tried every mind game, motivation and organizational technique I could think of, while silently berating myself because no matter what I did, I could not finish writing my papers or complete my research projects.

Eventually, I was sent by student counseling to a psychologist who ran a battery of tests and found that I have the inattentive form (non-hyperactive) of attention deficit disorder (ADD). I am

now on medication and making progress.

Not everyone who can't complete tasks has ADD. But for those who do, being told they are "self-indulgent" only adds to the despair and self-recrimination they already feel. "Needs Help" should read up on adult ADD/ADHD to see if some of the characteristics fit and then seek professional help.

— 50-year-old Grad Student With ADD

Dear Grad Student: While some readers felt that I was insensitive for telling "Needs Help" to "stop the self-indulgence," others, like you, shared helpful suggestions. Read on:

Dear Abby: As a college professor, I often see students who thrive under the structure of formal classes have difficulty applying their talents to independent projects. The ability to conceptualize and complete unsupervised projects requires skills that can

be learned and strengthened with practice. "Needs Help" recognizes that he or she has not yet learned these skills. A counselor who specializes in cognitive behavioral therapy may be helpful.

— Professor In San Francisco

Dear Abby: The disorganization of some creative people is often chalked up as a side effect of their creativity because they do not seem to have trouble in school. These students often gravitate toward the arts because the climate is more accommodating of their "difficulties."

Because I was an excellent student who was considered creative, people set aside the fact that I was disastrously messy and disorganized. It wasn't until I was in my late 20s that I was diagnosed with ADD. That diagnosis changed my life and provided immense relief.

— Beene There in Hamilton, N.J.

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Dear Abby



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Linearrmble is three four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: " " IT

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: PNER CHESS VANDAL HITHER
Answer: Why he insisted that his family wear seat belts — TO GAVE HIS KIH

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Willy Jagelski and Jeff Kirsy



SHE WASN'T A GOOD COOK, BUT SHE WAS GOOD AT THIS.

Speed Bump



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MONDAY, MAY 25, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	(7:00) Sports	Bob the Builder	Movie "Moulin Rouge"	State of the Union With John King	The View	(8:30) Downrange News from Iraq and Afghanistan.	Mad About You	NBA Tip-Off	Sports
9:30		Hi-5	(2001) Nicole Kidman. A writer shares a bittersweet romance with a nightclub diva.	Hannity	Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty	Living Single	NBA Basketball Eastern Conference Final Game 3 -- Cleveland Cavaliers at Orlando Magic. From Amway Arena in Orlando, Fla. (Live)	
10:00		Movie "The Rescuers Down Under" (1990) Voices of Bob Newhart, Eva Gabor.	(15) Movie "Roxanne" (1987) Steve Martin. A modern Cyrano helps a shy buddy woo a lovely astronomer.	Newsroom	Judge Alex	FNG Useful benefits.	Guiding Light		
11:00	Sports	(20) Hannah Montana		Huckabee	Everybody-Raymond	Week-Pentagon	E! News	Inside the NBA	Sports
11:30		(10) Hannah Montana			Judge Judy	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
12:00	This Week	(35) Hannah Montana	Movie "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde" (2003, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Sally Field.	Larry King Live	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "The Menagerie" (Part 1 of 2)	SportsCenter	
12:30		Hannah Montana			Judge Judy	EXchange on Air	Roseanne	SportsCenter	
13:00	Meet the Press	(25) Hannah Montana			The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Girlfriends		
13:30		Hannah Montana				Downrange	The Medal: America's Highest Honor		
14:00	Wall Street Jnl	(15) Movie "Hannah Montana and Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert Tour in Disney Digital 3D"	(2:50) Movie "Multiplicity" (1996) Michael Keaton. Scientifically created duplicates complicate a man's life.	60 Minutes	General Hospital	FNG Useful benefits.	Recon	ESPNews	Sports
14:30	ESPNews			CNN Live	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Section 60: Arlington National Cemetery	ESPNews	
15:00	Sesame Street			Week-Pentagon	Oprah Winfrey	Tour of Duty	National Memorial Day Concert (2009)	PGA Tour Golf HP Byron Nelson Championship -- Final Round. From Irving, Texas. (Same-day Tape)	Sports
15:30				CBS Up to the Minute		Week-Pentagon			
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon	Entertainers	Face the Nation	Wheel of Fortune	VA News	That '70s Show		
16:30		(40) Zatch Bell		Newsroom	Jeopardy!	Downrange	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
17:00	Dr. Phil	The Fairly OddParents			Wall Street Jnl	EXchange on Air	The Colbert Report		
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja			Around the Services	Army Newswatch	Pushing Daisies "Robbing Hood"	SportsCenter	WWE SmackDown!
18:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	Entertainment Tonight	Today	America's Veterans: A Musical Tribute	Battleground	Stargate Atlantis "Outcast"	Tennis French Open -- Early Round -- Day 2. From Paris. (Live)	The Contender
18:30	Everybody-Raymond	Hannah Montana		Today	In Plain Sight "A Fine Meth"	Week-Pentagon	Ghost Whisperer Melinda helps a man with amnesia.		
19:00	Access Hollywood	The Naked Brothers Band	Movie "We Were Soldiers" (2002, War) Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stowe. Outnumbered U.S. troops battle the North Vietnamese.	Fox and Friends First	60 Minutes	The Grill Sergeants	Seinfeld "The Bookstore"		
19:30	Judge Judy	Suite Life of Zack & Cody				Briefing Encore	Friends "Pilot"		Chappelle's Show
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Smallville "Zod"				Recon Revisited	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Man Show
20:30				Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		Comedy Central Presents
21:00	General Hospital	Everybody Hates Chris							Premium Blend
21:30		The Cosby Show	(25) Movie "Taking Chance" (2009) Kevin Bacon.	America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore			
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: TNG	(45) Movie "Runaway Jury" (2003, Suspense) John Cusack, Gene Hackman.		The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Today's Air Force			
22:30		Strange Days							
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Halloween III"							
23:30									

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	SpongeBob SquarePants	(10:45) Movie "Runaway Jury" (2003) John Cusack.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	The American Veteran	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	SportsCenter	Sports
00:30	Jeopardy!	Hannah Montana		Happening Now	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty	Criminal Minds "Charm and Harm"	SportsCenter	
1:00	Headline News	The Naked Brothers Band	Movie "Wall Street" (1987, Drama) Michael Douglas. A yuppie broker courts a corporate raider with inside information.	Newsroom	Judge Judy	The Grill Sergeants	NCIS "Ravenous"	MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Cincinnati Reds. From Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	WWE SmackDown!
1:30	ATSA/AFN Report	Suite Life of Zack & Cody			CSI: Miami "Backstabbers"	Around the Services	Men in Trees "Sweating It Out"		
2:00	60 Minutes	Smallville "Zod"		MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Seinfeld "The Bookstore"	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at San Francisco Giants. From AT&T Park in San Francisco. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	The Contender
2:30				Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	All Hands TV	Friends "Pilot"		
3:00	America's Veterans: A Musical Tribute	Everybody Hates Chris	(15) Movie "We Were Soldiers" (2002, War) Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stowe, Greg Kinnear. Outnumbered U.S. troops battle the North Vietnamese.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	State Dept Briefing	Kiana's Flex Appeal	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at San Francisco Giants. From AT&T Park in San Francisco. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	Chappelle's Show
3:30		The Cosby Show		Glenn Beck	Headline News	Around the Services	Denise Austin's Getting Fit		The Man Show
4:00	In Plain Sight "A Fine Meth"	Degrassi: Next Generation			Good Morning America	Downrange	30-Minute Meals		Comedy Central Presents
4:30	Headline News	Strange Days-Blake Holsey			Good Morning America	Around the Services	Good Eats		Premium Blend
5:00		Teletubbies		Around the Services	Good Morning America	Briefing Encore	Get Fresh With Sara Snow		MTV Hits Playlist
5:30	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Barney & Friends	(40) Movie "Taking Chance" (1992, Drama) Kevin Bacon, Tom Aldredge, Blanche Baker.	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street	This Week in the Pentagon	The Dan Ho Show		
6:00		Sesame Street		World News-Gibson		Fit For Duty	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet	ESPNews	Sports
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Bear in the Big Blue House		CBS Evening News	The View	Around the Services	Mad About You "The Grant"	ESPNews	
7:00		Blue's Clues		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Dr. Phil	Recon	Living Single "Legal Briefs"	NBA Shootaround	
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Go, Diego, Go!		Hannity	Judge Alex	State Dept Briefing	Guiding Light	NBA Basketball Western Conference Final Game 4 -- Los Angeles Lakers at Denver Nuggets. From the Pepsi Center in Denver. (Live)	Sports
8:00		Super Why!		Anderson Cooper 360	Everybody Loves Raymond	AFN Europe Report	E! News		
8:30	Judge Judy	Johnny and the Sprites	Movie "1st to Die" (2003, Suspense) Tracy Pollan, Gil Bellows, Robert Patrick. A killer targets people on their wedding night.	Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	This Week in the Pentagon	The Daily 10	Star Trek "The Menagerie" (Part 2 of 2)	SportsCenter
9:00	CSI: Miami "Backstabbers"	JoJo's Circus		Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull	Judge Judy	Fit For Duty	Roseanne		
9:30	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World	(25) Movie "Before Sunset" (2004, Romance) Ethan Hawke, Julie Delpy, Vernon Dobtcheff.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	The Young and the Restless	AFN Europe Report	Girlfriends		
10:00		Curious George		The Rachel Maddow Show	General Hospital	EXchange on Air	Emeril Live	Baseball Tonight	Sports
10:30	Dr. Phil	JoJo's Circus		Around the Services	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Design Remix	NBA Fastbreak	
11:00		Johnny and the Sprites		Nightly Business Report	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground	Curb Appeal	SportsCenter	
11:30	CBS Evening News	Super Why!		Nightline	Wheel of Fortune	Today's Air Force	Fight Quest "Philippines" Filipino art of Kali.	MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Arizona Diamondbacks. From Chase Field in Phoenix. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	MTV Hits Playlist
12:00	ESPNews	Go, Diego, Go!		The O'Reilly Factor	Jeopardy!	Recon	King of the Hill "Snow Job"		X Play
12:30	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues	Movie "The Cutting Edge" (1992) D.B. Sweeney, Mo'Nique. An ex-hockey star is a spoiled figure skater's partner.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	World News-Gibson	Around the Services	That '70s Show	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	Futurama
13:00		Bear in the Big Blue House		Today	Heroes "Cold Wars" Matt holds H.R.G. hostage.	All Hands TV	The Colbert Report	The Colbert Report	The Simpsons
13:30	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street			Everybody Hates Chris	Briefing Encore	Homeland Security USA "This Is Your Car on Drugs"	Baseball Tonight	Family Guy
14:00	World News-Gibson				The Office "Blood Drive"	Recon Revisited	Dateline NBC	NBA Fastbreak	WWE Monday Night Raw
14:30	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	Movie "Bewitched" (2005) Nicole Kidman, Will Ferrell. An actual witch stars in a TV remake of the 1960s sitcom.		Bones A man and his son discover a frozen body in a pond.	AFN Europe Report		SportsCenter	
15:00		Planet's Funniest Animals				EXchange on Air			
15:30	The View	(3:50) Pokémon				Fit For Duty			
16:00		(40) Zatch Bell				Battleground			
16:30						Recon			
17:00	Dr. Phil	(05) The Fairly OddParents	Movie Mob			Around the Services			
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Martin's Secret's Out			Pacific Report			
18:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	What It Takes			Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Frogger"		
18:30	Everybody Loves Raymond	Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight			USARJ This Week	Friends		
19:00	Access Hollywood	iCarly Carly plans a dinner.	Movie "Enemy at the Gates" (2001, War) Joseph Fiennes, Jude Law, Rachel Weisz. Two snipers face off during the Battle of Stalingrad.			The Corps Report	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
19:30	Judge Judy	Naturally, Sadie				Downrange	The Colbert Report		
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Summerland "Fireworks"							
20:30									
21:00	General Hospital	Everybody Hates Chris							
21:30		The Cosby Show "Auction"	(20) Movie "War Stories" (2003, Drama) Jeff Goldblum, Lake Bell, Louise Lombard.						
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: Next Generation							
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey							
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Dorothy's Book"	Movie "Kalifornia" (1993) Brad Pitt, Juliette Lewis.						
23:30									

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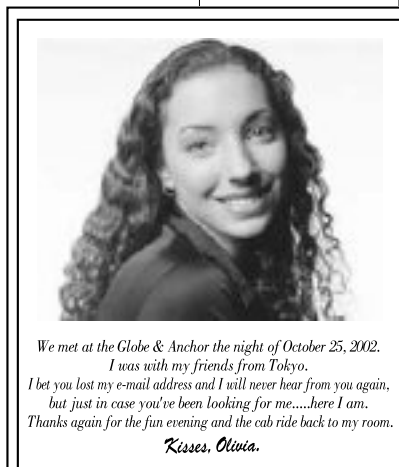
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Yokosuka - 1996 Mitsubishi Legnum Station Wagon AWD: 96,000 kilometers, AM/FM/CD player, Automatic transmission, well-maintained, clean interior, automatic climate control, tinted windows, road taxes already paid, runs great! One owner for past 7 years. JCI until June '09. Available immediately. MUST SELL! \$800 OBO, phone: 045-774-9110

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Yokosuka - 1996 Red Nissan March 4DR Automatic, well maintained, clean interior, Road Taxes already paid, runs great. Great on gas. JCI until June 2010, Base Inspection until May 2010. \$1200 OBO. Phone: 241-2730

Yokota - 1996 Toyota Sprinter (Corolla) Nice, clean, 4 door sedan. 4 cylinder, runs great. Automatic transmission. Power locks & power windows. Working AC and heater. Cassette and AM/FM radio. 2009 road tax paid. Non smoker. Bought from Johnson's off base and passed JCI (with the exception of an expired flare) w/ 50K kilometers, and has 60K kilometers (37K miles). Never had any problems with it, and it has passed the Base Garage inspection again (only needed to replace tires), so JCI is good until June 2011. \$1900 OBO. It is currently on the Lemon Lot # 30. Please call or email to see or if you have any questions. 443-283-0661 (vonaage - off base); unq.one@gmail.com; Ask for Greg on base : 313-347-1030.

Autos for Sale 141

Yokota - 1997 Honda Orthia 5Dr Green. Excellent Car. Short notice PCS - need to sell in next 2 weeks. Bought car in great shape/drove exclusively around base. Indash CD/GPS capable display unit. Asking \$1200. JCI Sep 2009. Call Daniel Bolin @ 090-9838-3913 or work.

Yokota - 1997 Honda SMX 4 Dr Blue Great Car! Excellent Car! Short notice PCS-need to sell in next 2 weeks. Bought only 5 months ago, In Dash CD/Mini Disc, great AC/heat, automatic. Good size for Japan! Road Tax paid. JCI January 2010. Asking \$1200. Please call 08035868828 or work 225-4596.

Yokota - 2000 Nissan Bassara Van, seats 7, captains chairs 1 and 2nd row with adjustable arm rests. CD/navi/TV, system. Drives like NEW still. Nice 18inch gold rims by Rays, which match body. 2nd owner. Old changed every 3 months. Never had one problem with van. Without 18inch wheels 300,000yen with stock Nissan rims. Body and interior in great shape. Strong engine K&A/D6. Billet grill, Recycle fees and Road tax Covered. JCI Dec 2009. Asking 325,000 yen. Call Dave 08055192722

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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Tuesday
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—MLB: Houston at Cincinnati.
AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.—MLB: Atlanta at San Francisco.
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—MLB: Washington at N.Y. Mets.
AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 4, L.A. Lakers at Denver.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—MLB: Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels (joined in progress).
AFN-Xtra, 1:30 p.m.—College lacrosse: NCAA men's Division I championship, Syracuse vs. Cornell (dld).
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB: San Diego at Arizona (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 4, L.A. Lakers at Denver (dld).
Wednesday
AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.—Tennis: French Open, Day 3.
AFN-Xtra, 8:30 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 4, Pittsburgh at Carolina.
AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 4, Cleveland at Orlando.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—MLB: Seattle at Oakland.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—NHL playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 4, Pittsburgh at Carolina (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 4, Cleveland at Orlando.
All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

College baseball

Saturday's scores
TOURNAMENTS
Atlantic Coast Conference
Clemson 3, North Carolina 2, 11 innings
Atlantic Ten Conference Championship
Xavier 10, Rhode Island 1
Big Ten Conference
Minnesota 9, Ohio St. 6, Ohio St. eliminated
Indiana 13, Minnesota 2, Minnesota eliminated
Big 12 Conference
Baylor 8, Kansas 4
Missouri 5, Oklahoma 4
Texas 4, Kansas St. 2
Ohio Valley Conference
Jacksonville St. 9, Murray St. 3
Tennessee Tech 4, Jacksonville St. 3
Southeastern Conference
LSU 16-3, Georgia 0-2, Georgia eliminated
Vanderbilt 11, Arkansas 1
Southern Conference
Georgia Southern 16, Furman 4
Southland Conference
Sam Houston St. 7, Texas State 1
Southwestern Athletic Conference
Alcorn St. 7, Texas Southern 6

Deals

Saturday's transactions
BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed RHP Anthony Reyes and LHP Aaron Laffey on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Rich Rundles and LHP Jeremy Sowers from Columbus (IL).
National League
FLORIDA MARLINS—Purchased the contract of LHP Sean West from Jacksonville (SL). Recalled RHP Chris Leroux from Jacksonville. Optioned RHP Ricky Nolasco to New Orleans (PCL). Designated LHP David Davidson for assignment.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Signed RHP Ji-Mo Lee to a minor league contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Extended the affiliation with Altoona of the Eastern League through 2014.
SOCCER
Women's Professional Soccer
SKY BLUE FC—Suspended coach and general manager Ian Sawyers indefinitely. Named Kelly Lindsey interim coach.
COLLEGE
KENTUCKY—Announced DE Jeremy Jarmon was ruled ineligible for his senior season by the NCAA because of a failed drug test.
WHEATON, ILL.—Named Jim Gruenwald wrestling coach.

AP spotlight

May 26
1959 — Harvey Haddix of the Pittsburgh Pirates pitches 12 perfect innings before losing to the Milwaukee Braves, 1-0 in the 13th on an error, a sacrifice and Joe Adcock's double.
1985 — Danny Sullivan misses almost certain disaster and holds off Mario Andretti and the rest of the fastest field in auto racing to win the Indianapolis 500. On the 119th lap, Sullivan spins his racer 360 degrees, narrowly avoiding both the wall and Andretti.

Auto racing

Carquest Auto Parts 300
NASCAR Nationwide Series
Saturday
At Lowe's Motor Speedway
Concord, N.C.
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (10) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 170 laps, 110.7 rating, 190 points, \$72,438.
2. (15) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 170, 88.8, 175, \$51,243.
3. (2) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 170, 140.3, 175, \$38,525.
4. (5) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 170, 124.3, 165, \$30,575.
5. (12) Joey Logano, Toyota, 170, 112.1, 155, \$26,275.
6. (28) Jason Leffler, Toyota, 170, 112.2, 155, \$30,468.
7. (4) David Ragan, Ford, 170, 105.9, 146, \$22,475.
8. (40) Brad Keselowski, Chevrolet, 170, 91.3, 124, \$18,590.
9. (9) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 170, 101.7, 138, \$20,700.
10. (1) Carl Edwards, Ford, 170, 104.7, 139, \$20,000.
11. (14) Scott Speed, Toyota, 170, 86.6, 130, \$19,375.
12. (3) Greg Biffle, Ford, 170, 111.9, 127, \$18,975.
13. (13) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 170, 91.3, 124, \$18,590.
14. (38) Justin Allgaier, Dodge, 169, 77.6, 121, \$24,293.
15. (7) David Gilliland, Dodge, 169, 77.2, 118, \$25,043.
16. (22) Jeremy Kellar, Ford, 169, 72.4, 115, \$23,718.
17. (17) Steve Wallace, Chevrolet, 169, 82.9, 112, \$23,493.
18. (27) Kenny Wallace, Chevrolet, 169, 53.6, 114, \$23,268.
19. (29) Eric McClure, Ford, 169, 47.7, 106, \$23,193.
20. (6) Michael McDowell, Toyota, 169, 80.8, 103, \$23,943.
21. (20) Paul Menard, Ford, 169, 82, 100, \$16,225.
22. (41) Burney Lamar, Toyota, 169, 55.4, 97, \$22,943.
23. (8) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 168, 75.7, 94, \$16,875.
24. (30) Danny O'Quinn Jr., Chevrolet, 168, 65.2, 91, \$22,850.
25. (11) Stanton Barrett, Chevrolet, 168, 61.7, 88, \$22,968.
26. (36) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, 168, 54.2, 85, \$22,783.
27. (26) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 168, 55, 82, \$16,280.
28. (25) Scott Wimmer, Chevrolet, 168, 62.6, 79, \$22,713.
29. (32) Brandon Whitt, Ford, 167, 51.5, 76, \$22,668.
30. (9) Brian Keselowski, Dodge, 167, 39.6, 73, \$22,923.
31. (16) Peyton Sellers, Chevrolet, 167, 51.4, 70, \$16,120.
32. (23) Scott Lagasse Jr., Toyota, 166, 55.2, 67, \$22,543.
33. (37) Robert Richardson Jr., Chevrolet, 166, 34.5, 64, \$22,513.
34. (43) Derrick Cole, Dodge, 164, 33.4, 61, \$16,015.
35. (21) Kevin Hamlin, Dodge, accident, 147, 46.3, 58, \$22,463.
36. (35) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, engine, 147, 39.8, 55, \$22,443.
37. (31) J.C. Stout, Chevrolet, 143, 36.4, 52, \$15,950.
38. (33) Dennis Setzer, Dodge, vibration, 28, 36, 49, \$15,930.
39. (24) Michael Annett, Toyota, accident, 22, 57.5, 46, \$22,378.
40. (18) Terry Cook, Chevrolet, overheating, 14, 33.6, 43, \$15,840.
41. (19) Mark Green, Chevrolet, electrical, 11, 32.4, 40, \$22,283.
42. (34) Johnny Chapman, Chevrolet, handling, 10, 29.8, 37, \$15,790.
43. (42) Donny Lia, Toyota, ignition, 1, 30, 34, \$22,196.
Race Statistics
Winner's Average Speed: 129.09 mph.
Time of Race: 1 hour, 58 minutes, 31 seconds.
Margin of Victory: Under caution.
Caution Flags: 5 for 26 laps.
Lead Changes: 12 among 7 drivers.
Lap Leaders: C. Edwards 1-24; K. Wallace 25-27; C. Edwards 28-40; K. Busch 41-85; M. Bliss 86-87; B. Gaughan 88-89; K. Busch 90-139; B. Vickers 140-145; K. Busch 146-148; J. Leffler 149; M. Bliss 150-164; B. Gaughan 165-166; M. Bliss 167-170.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K. Busch, 3 times for 98 laps; C. Edwards, 2 times for 37 laps; M. Bliss, 3 times for 21 laps; B. Vickers, 1 time for 6 laps; B. Gaughan, 2 times for 4 laps; K. Wallace, 1 time for 3 laps; J. Leffler, 1 time for 1 lap.
Points leaders: 1. K. Busch, 1,714. 2. C. Edwards, 1,641. 3. J. Leffler, 1,541. 4. J. Logano, 1,495. 5. B. Keselowski, 1,473. 6. J. Keller, 1,296. 7. D. Ragan, 1,285.

Monaco Grand Prix
Formula One
Sunday
At Circuit de Monaco
Monaco
Lap length: 2.08 miles
1. Jensen Button, England, Brawn, 78 laps, 1:40:44.282, 96.416 mph.
2. Rubens Barrichello, Brazil, Brawn, 78, 7.666 seconds behind.
3. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 78, 13.442.
4. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Ferrari, 78, 15.110.
5. Mark Webber, Australia, Red Bull, 78, 15.730.
6. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Williams, 78, 33.586.
7. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Renault, 78, 37.839.
8. Sebastien Bourdais, France, Toro Rosso, 78, 1:03.142.
9. Giancarlo Fisichella, Italy, Force India, 78, 1:05.040.
10. Timo Glock, Germany, Toyota, 77, +1 lap.
11. Nick Heidfeld, Germany, BMW Sauber, 77, +1 lap.
12. Lewis Hamilton, England, McLaren Mercedes, 77, +1 lap.
13. Jarno Trulli, Italy, Toyota, 77, +1 lap.
14. Adrian Sutil, Germany, Force India, 77, +1 lap.
15. Kazuki Nakajima, Japan, Williams, 76, +2 laps, accident.
Not Classified
16. Heikki Kovalainen, Finland, McLaren Mercedes, 51, accident.
17. Robert Kubica, Poland, BMW Sauber, 28, mechanical.
18. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 15, accident.
19. Nelson Piquet Jr., Brazil, Renault, 10, accident.
20. Kristian Buemi, Switzerland, Toro Rosso, 10, accident.
Drivers Standings (After six of 17 races)
1. Jensen Button, England, Brawn, 51 points.
2. Rubens Barrichello, Brazil, Brawn, 35.
3. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 23.
College softball
NCAA Division I tournament
SUPER REGIONALS (Best-of-three)
At Athens, Ga.
Georgia advanced
At Stanford, Calif.
Arizona advanced
At Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Saturday: Alabama 9, Jacksonville State 0, 5 innings, Alabama advances
At Ann Arbor, Mich.
Saturday: Michigan 9, Baylor 1, Michigan advances
At Tempe, Ariz.
Saturday: Arizona St. 11, N.Dakota State 0, 5 innings, Arizona St. advances
At Atlanta
Saturday: Washington 7, Georgia Tech 1, Washington leads series 1-0
Sunday: Georgia Tech (44-13) vs. Washington (46-10)
Sunday: Washington vs. Georgia Tech, if necessary
At Gainesville, Fla.
Sunday, May 24: Florida 2, California 0, Florida leads series 1-0
Sunday, May 24: Florida vs. California
Sunday, May 24: California vs. Florida, if necessary
At Los Angeles
Saturday: Missouri 2, UCLA 1
Sunday: UCLA (44-10) vs. Missouri (49-9)
Sunday, May 24: Missouri vs. UCLA, if necessary
World Series
At Oklahoma City
May 28-June 3

College lacrosse
NCAA men's Division I
At Foxborough, Mass.
Semifinals
Saturday, May 23
Syracuse 17, Duke 7
Cornell 15, Virginia 6
Championship
Monday, May 25
Syracuse (15-2) vs. Cornell (13-3)

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Golf

Byron Nelson Championship
PGA Tour
Saturday
At TPC Four Seasons Resort
Irving, Texas
Purse: \$6.5 million
Yardage: 7,166; Par 70
Third Round
Rory Sabbatini 68-64-65—197-13
John Mallinger 67-65-65—197-13
D.A. Points 68-66-65—199-11
Dustin Johnson 68-65-66—199-11
Brian Davis 68-65-66—199-11
Kevin Streelman 67-69-64—200-10
Glenn Day 69-66-65—200-10
Briny Baird 69-64-67—200-10
Mark Leishman 68-70-63—201-9
James Driscoll 65-68-68—201-9
Charley Hoffman 71-66-65—202-8
Jeff Maggert 71-66-65—202-8
Bryce Molder 68-68-66—202-8
George McNeill 69-67-66—202-8
Fred Couples 69-66-67—202-8
Mike Weir 67-66-69—202-8
Michael Letzig 68-68-67—203-7
Scott McCarron 66-69-68—203-7
Charles Howell III 66-69-68—203-7
Charlie Wi 73-66-64—203-7
Nicholas Thompson 73-66-64—203-7
Justin Sim 69-66-66—204-6
Steve Marino 68-70-66—204-6
Jonathan Byrd 71-68-65—204-6
John Senden 67-68-69—204-6
Jesper Parnevik 67-67-70—204-6
Robert Allenby 69-69-67—205-5
Alex Ceika 71-68-66—205-5
J.J. Henry 70-66-69—205-5
Robert Garrigus 66-70-69—205-5
Y.E. Yang 69-67-69—205-5
Danny Lee 69-67-69—205-5
Ted Purdy 74-65-66—206-5
Chris Blanks 67-71-66—206-5
Nathan Green 70-69-66—205-5
Brian Bateman 65-69-71—205-5
Tommy Armour III 67-71-68—206-4
John Rollins 72-66-68—206-4
Davis Love III 73-64-69—206-4
Vijay Singh 67-70-69—206-4
Tim Wilkinson 68-69-69—206-4
Greg Chalmers 71-68-67—206-4
Hunter Mahan 72-67-67—206-4
Galt Knost 67-72-67—206-4
Jeff Kjaer 72-69-69—207-3
Aaron Watkins 71-67-69—207-3
Chris Riley 71-68-68—207-3
Matt Kuchar 70-69-68—207-3
Greg Owen 68-71-68—207-3
Martin Laird 72-67-68—207-3
Matt Weirburg 61-69-71—207-3
Joe Ogilvie 69-70-68—207-3
Notah Begay III 73-65-70—208-2
Troy Matteson 68-69-71—208-2
Chris DiMarco 67-69-72—208-2
Ricky Barnes 69-70-69—208-2
Rod Pampling 70-69-69—208-2
Steve Flesch 71-68-69—208-2
Jimmy Walker 72-65-72—209-1
David Berganio, Jr. 71-67-71—209-1
Todd Hamilton 72-67-70—209-1
Shaun Micheel 73-66-71—210-E
Harrison Frazar 68-71-71—210-E
Jay Williams 71-68-71—210-E
Ben Crane 67-70-74—211+1
Kent Jones 68-70-73—211+1
Bob Heintz 68-70-73—211+1
Mark Calavecchia 68-70-75—213+3
James Oh 71-68-74—213+3
Cliff Kresge 70-69-74—213+3
Corning Classic
LPGA Tour
Saturday
At Corning Country Club
Corning, N.Y.
Purse: \$1.5 million
Yardage: 6,223; Par 72
Third Round
Mika Miyazato 70-67-62—199-17
Soo-Yun Kang 65-69-65—199-17
Hee-Won Han 68-70-62—200-16
Minea Blomqvist 65-70-66—201-15
Vicky Hurst 70-69-63—202-14
Katherine Hull 68-69-65—202-14
Seon Hwa Lee 67-67-68—202-14
Mikaela Parmild 67-67-68—202-14
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Sandra Gal 65-69-68—202-14
Ai Miyazato 69-70-64—203-13
In-Kyung Kim 69-69-65—203-13
Paula Creamer 66-72-65—203-13
Lindsey Wright 67-69-67—203-13
Suzann Pettersen 67-68-68—203-13
Hee-Won Han 68-70-63—203-13
Cristie Kerr 68-71-65—204-12
Natalie Gulbis 68-70-66—204-12
Mi Hyun Kim 69-67-68—204-12
Meredith Duncan 69-67-68—204-12
Helen Alfredsson 67-69-68—204-12
Song-Hee Kim 67-68-69—204-12
Jimin Jeong 66-69-69—204-12
Karine Ichter 64-66-74—204-12
Meena Lee 67-72-66—205-11
Angela Stanford 69-69-67—205-11
Becky Morgan 69-67-69—205-11
Sarah Kemp 66-68-71—205-11
Karen Stupples 73-68-65—206-10
Wendy Ward 72-69-65—206-10
Jiyai Shin 68-71-67—206-10
Brittany Lang 70-68-68—206-10
Ji Young Oh 70-67-69—206-10
Hee Young Park 64-73-69—206-10
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Janice Moodie 69-70-68—207-9
Morgan Pressel 66-72-69—207-9
Wendy Doolan 70-67-70—207-9
Michelle Yee 73-67-68—208-8
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Rusky Gulyanamitta 70-70-71—211-5
Jee Young Lee 69-71-70—211-5
Chris Tamulis 69-70-72—211-5
Amy Hung 68-71-72—211-5
Marcy Hart 69-69-73—211-5
Mi Chung 67-71-73—211-5
Senior PGA Championship
Champions Tour
Sunday
At Canterbury Golf Club
Beachwood, Ohio
Purse: \$2 million
Yardage: 6,895; Par 70
Final
M. Allen, \$360,000 74-66-67-67—274 -6
Larry Mize, \$216,000 69-69-71-67—276 -4
B. Fleisher, \$136,000 71-69-67-277 -3
Tom Watson, \$96,000 72-72-70-66—280 E
C. Starkjohann, \$65,500 71-68-72-70—281 +1
Fred Funk, \$65,500 71-71-69-70—281 +1
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James Mason, \$46,200 71-73-68-70—282 +2
Mark James, \$46,200 69-71-72-70—282 +2
Tim Simpson, \$46,200 70-72-68-73—282 +2
Mark O'Meara, \$33,000 76-70-68-68—283 +3
E. Romero, \$33,000 72-72-68-70—283 +3
Tom Kite, \$33,000 69-70-69-75—283 +3
John Cook, \$24,000 73-69-73-69—284 +4
Scott Hoch, \$24,000 66-72-76-70—284 +4
Tom Purtzer, \$24,000 66-74-72-72—284 +4
Mark O'Meara, \$24,000 72-72-68-73—284 +4
B. Langer, \$24,000 68-70-73-73—284 +4
John Morse, \$16,500 69-72-74-70—285 +5
Tom Lehman, \$16,500 75-68-74-68—285 +5
Andy Bean, \$16,500 74-72-72-67—285 +5
Keith Fergus, \$16,500 73-69-72-71—285 +5
Joe Ozaki, \$16,500 75-67-69-74—285 +5
Joey Sindelar, \$16,500 69-72-69-75—285 +5
Gene Jones, \$12,500 75-69-72-70—286 +6
Loren Roberts, \$12,500 73-74-68-71—286 +6
K. Murota, \$12,500 73-71-70-72—286 +6
Don Pooley, \$12,500 74-69-68-75—286 +6
Jay Don Blake, \$12,500 70-69-71-76—286 +6
Bill Britton, \$10,250 70-70-72-72—287 +1
Russ Cochran, \$10,250 70-70-72-75—287 +1
Bob Cameron, \$10,250 72-73-73-69—287 +7
James Blair, \$10,250 71-72-71-73—287 +7
Jeff Roth, \$7,886 74-73-69-72—288 +8
Mike Goodes, \$7,886 75-71-71-71—288 +8
Gary Hallberg, \$7,886 69-74-71-74—288 +8
Karl Hovind, \$7,886 75-67-73-72—289 +9
Ian Woosnam, \$7,886 71-72-75-70—288 +8
Ross Drummond, \$7,886 66-76-76-76—288 +8
Dana Quigley, \$7,886 69-75-67-77—288 +8

BMW PGA Championship
Champions Tour
Sunday
At Wentworth Club (West Course)
Virginia Water, England
Purse: \$4.5 million
Yardage: 7,320; Par 72
Final
Paul Casey, England 69-67-67-68—271
Ross Fisher, England 68-73-67-64—272
Soren Kjeldsen, Denmark 69-69-68-69—275
Stephen Dodd, Wales 71-68-70-67—276
Rory McIlroy, N. Ireland 72-70-65-71—278
Ben Curtis, United States 69-70-73-67—279
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G. McDowell, N. Ireland 75-71-68-69—283
Alessandro Tadini, Italy 74-69-69-283
Nick Dougherty, England 73-71-67-72—283
Alvaro Quiros, Spain 69-71-73-71—284
J.F. Lucquin, France 70-72-72-70—284
Robert Rock, England 71-74-69-70—284
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark 73-73-70-68—284
Simon Dyson, England 74-69-68-73—284
Ernie Els, South Africa 73-73-70-69—284
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Players hope for another swing at tryout camp

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea — Kevin Cumbie and Will Twaddell remember the disappointment. They were among the last to be told in September that they'd not made the cut for the All-Air Force men's softball team. Better luck next year.

The two American Legion open team veterans spent much of the offseason on Okinawa in the weight room and working on techniques recommended by All-Air Force coach Steve Shortland to improve their games and try to return to the All-Air Force tryout camp.

And they used this weekend's 19th Pacificwide Open Interservice Softball Tournament as a platform to evaluate where they are.

The goal: Play in the All-Armed Forces tournament in September at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.

"What better a place to get situational hitting and live pitching than the biggest military softball tournament in the Pacific," Cumbie said.

Many players used the tournament to show their stuff, either hoping to go to camp for the first time or planning a return. At least 50 players came from the States, two from Germany and one from Italy.

All performed before two All-Air Force veterans and scouts and two All-Army men's team captains.

"You try to find that diamond in the rough whom nobody knows about on that little base somewhere," said Danny Acosta, a

former Air Force assistant coach and current coach of the Lady Guzzlers, former All-Service players. "You try to make the Air Force better."

"If you get cut from camp, this is a great assessment time," said Yongsan-based All-Army captain Elmer Mason. "How did you progress? Take those steps. Go back to camp and you're back in the fight."

Eight-time All-Armed Forces outfielder Karrie Warren of the Guzzlers has flown here from Panama City, Fla., the past three years. She comes to play, but also to make players aware of the \$1.75 billion All-Armed Forces sports industry.

"A lot of people don't know about Armed Forces sports," Warren said.

She tries to find the type of talent that can qualify for the All-Air Force camp. "Even if they don't make [the team], they'll get the experience."

"This is the place to be recognized, to be seen by people who've been there before," said Mike Quinby of Osan Air Base, South Korea.

Those coming from afar out of pocket insist it's a good investment.

"You get variety and a more competitive level of ball. And you get to see old friends," said two-time All-Air Force player Kazue Dancer of Aviano Air Base, Italy, who's traveled here three times on her own dime. "It's worth it."

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UFC 98

Machida takes Evans' title

Light-heavyweight belt changes hands on KO

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Lyoto "The Dragon" Machida stopped Rashad Evans at 3:57 of the second round to win the light-heavyweight title at UFC 98 on Saturday night.

Machida landed a barrage of punches that sent Evans reeling against the cage and finished him with a left hand that folded Evans backward onto the canvas.

"I've tried all my life to become a champion and I am very, very happy," Machida said.

"Now I'm going to keep this belt for a long time."

The light-heavyweight title has changed hands four times in the past five title bouts.

In the co-main event, Matt Hughes won a unanimous decision against Matt Serra in a matchup of former welterweight champions.

Serra took the advantage early, flooring Hughes with strikes in the first round.

Hughes was able to fight back utilizing his superior wrestling ability and controlled the final two rounds with all three judges scoring the fight 29-28.

The two embraced after the fight and seemed to put the bad blood behind them.

The fighters developed a heated



ERIC JAMISON/AP

Lyoto Machida, right, delivers a right to Rashad Evans in the second round of their UFC light-heavyweight match Saturday in Las Vegas. Machida won moments later by knockout.

rivalry while coaching opposing teams on "The Ultimate Fighter" reality show and were scheduled to meet at UFC 79 in December 2007 when Serra pulled out of the bout due to injury.

When asked what his plans were, Hughes said, "I'm still motivated to compete so we'll see what happens. I'd like to fight in my home area."

On the undercard, Drew McFedries made quick work of Xavier Foupa-Pokam, getting the TKO just 37 seconds into their fight.

Also, Chael Sonnen beat Dan Miller by unanimous decision and Frank Edgar looked impressive, earning a unanimous decision over former lightweight champion Sean Sherk.

Local scoreboard

Pacificwide Open Interservice Softball Tournament

At Lombardo Field Fourplex and Field 5, South Post, Yongsan Garrison, South Korea
Final pool-play standings (x-qualified for playoffs)

Men's Pool A

x-International Guzzlers, 6-0
x-Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, 4-2
x-Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, 3-3
x-Daegu/Area IV, South Korea, 2-4
Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, 2-4
Aviation, 1-5

Men's Pool B

x-American Legion, Okinawa, 6-0
x-Camp Casey, South Korea, 4-2
x-Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, 4-2
x-Misawa Air Base, Japan, 3-3
Enforcers, 1-5
595th MT, 0-6

Men's Pool C

x-KKD, 6-0
x-Shanghai Sons, 4-2
x-Camp Humphreys, South Korea, 3-3
x-Yokota Air Base, Japan, 3-3
94th Military Police, 2-4
Geckos Gladiators, 0-6

Men's Pool D

x-Heat 3N2, 6-0
x-Osan Air Base, South Korea, 4-2
x-Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, 4-2
x-Suwon Air Base, South Korea, 2-4
Honor Guard, 1-5
Ghost Riders, 0-6

Men's double-elimination playoffs Sunday's games

International Guzzlers 13, Yokota Air Base, Japan, 7
Camp Casey, South Korea, 10, Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, 2
KKD 17, Daegu/Area IV, South Korea, 2
Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, 7
Osan Air Base, South Korea, 5
American Legion, Okinawa, 26, Suwon Air Base, South Korea, 0
Camp Humphreys, South Korea, 11, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, 8
Heat 3N2 19, Misawa Air Base, Japan, 11
Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, 14, Shanghai 9
Yokota Air Base 19, Yokosuka Naval Base 1; Yokosuka Naval Base eliminated
Osan Air Base 25, Daegu/Area IV 3; Daegu/Area IV eliminated
Kunsan Air Base 19, Suwon Air Base 4; Suwon Air Base eliminated
Misawa Air Base 15, Shanghai 6; Shanghai eliminated
International Guzzlers 15, Camp Casey 3
KKD 19, Yongsan Garrison 4

American Legion 17, Camp Humphreys 4
Heat 3N2 15, Sasebo Naval Base 8
Camp Casey 11, Misawa Air Base 10; Misawa Air Base eliminated

Kunsan Air Base 16, Yongsan Garrison 0; Yongsan Garrison eliminated
Osan Air Base 5, Camp Humphreys 4; Camp Humphreys eliminated
Sasebo Naval Base 18, Yokota Air Base 5
Yokota Air Base eliminated

International Guzzlers 18, KKD 8
American Legion 18, Heat 3N2 13
Osan Air Base 17, Sasebo Naval Base 7; Sasebo Naval Base eliminated
Kunsan Air Base 23, Camp Casey 16; Camp Casey eliminated

KKD 19, Osan Air Base 18; Osan Air Base eliminated
Heat 3N2 11, Kunsan Air Base 5; Kunsan Air Base eliminated
Game 27-International Guzzlers vs. American Legion, late

Game 28-KKD vs. Heat 3N2, late

Monday's games
Game 29-Game 27 loser vs. Game 28 winner, 8 a.m., Field 1

Game 30-Game 27 winner vs. Game 29 winner, 9:30 a.m., Field 1

Game 31-Game 27 winner vs. Game 29 winner if Game 27 winner loses Game 30, 11 a.m., Field 1

Women's double-elimination playoffs Sunday's games

Sang Ji University, South Korea, 13, Camp Humphreys, South Korea, 0
Red Fox, South Korea, 20, Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, 3
Kyong Nam, South Korea, 16, Osan Air Base, South Korea, 3
Lady Guzzlers 7, Yard Busters, Okinawa, 4

Yongsan Garrison 11, Camp Humphreys 1; Camp Humphreys eliminated
Yard Busters 7, Osan Air Base 3; Osan Air Base eliminated
Red Fox 7, Sang Ji University 6
Lady Guzzlers 8, Kyong Nam 5
Sang Ji University 10, Yard Busters 9; Yard Busters eliminated

Kyong Nam 10, Yongsan Garrison 0; Yongsan Garrison eliminated
Lady Guzzlers 10, Red Fox 7
Sang Ji University 4, Kyong Nam 2; Kyong Nam eliminated

Monday's games
Game 13-Red Fox vs. Sang Ji University, 8:30 a.m., Field 3

Game 14-Lady Guzzlers vs. Game 13 winner, 10 a.m., Field 3

Game 15-Lady Guzzlers vs. Game 13 winner if Lady Guzzlers lose Game 14, 11:30 a.m., Field 3

French Open

Ivanovic struggles but still advances

By CHRIS LEHOURITES

The Associated Press

PARIS — Defending champion Ana Ivanovic struggled on the important points in her opening match at the French Open before beating Sara Errani of Italy 7-6 (3), 6-3 Sunday to reach the second round.

The eighth-seeded Serb converted only five of the 20 break points she earned against her opponent. Errani broke three times and even served for the first set at 5-4.

"I knew I had to work hard for my points today, and I'm very happy I did that," Ivanovic said. "And I kept my composure."

Ivanovic, who beat Dinara Safina in last year's final, pulled out of this month's Madrid Open with a knee injury, and her right knee was taped Sunday. The 44th-ranked Errani did a good job of moving her around the court.

"Even though I had some time off during the Madrid tournament, I feel like it takes only few days to get back in shape," Ivanovic said. "I feel very fit."

Ivo Karlovic set a tour-level record for aces with 55 in his 6-7 (1), 6-7 (4), 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-3 loss to Lleyton Hewitt.

Scoreboard

French Open

Sunday

At Paris

Singles

Men

First Round

Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, def. Denis Gremelmayr, Germany, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.
Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. Ivo Karlovic (26), Croatia, 6-7 (1), 6-7 (4), 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-3.

Dudi Sela, Israel, def. Jean-Rene Lisnard, Monaco, 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Mathieu Montcourt, France, def. Yen-Hsun Lu, Taiwan, 6-2, retired.

Marat Safin (20), Russia, def. Alexandre Sidorenko, France, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Marin Cilic (13), Croatia, def. Jan Hernych, Czech Republic, 6-0, 6-4, 6-3.

Fernando Verdasco (8), Spain, def. Florent Serra, France, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.

Josselin Ouanna, France, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 7-5, 2-6, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-1.

Nicolas Pietrangeli (31), Spain, def. Agustín Calleri, Argentina, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.

Radek Stepanek (18), Czech Republic, def. Gaston Gaudio, Argentina, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1.

David Ferrer (14), Spain, def. Frederico Gil, Portugal, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Peter Polansky, Canada, 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3.

Andy Murray (3), Britain, def. Juan Ignacio Chela, Argentina, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

Gilles Simon (7), France, def. Wayne Odesnik, United States, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Robert Kendrick, United States, def. Daniel Brands, Germany, 6-7 (7), 7-5, 7-6 (11), 4-6, 6-3.

Women

First Round

Li Na (25), China, def. Marta Domachowska, Poland, 6-4, 6-2.

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (27), Russia, def. Ioana Raluca Olaru, Romania, 6-3, 6-2.

Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, def. Emilie Loit, France, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Ana Ivanovic (8), Serbia, def. Sara Errani, Italy, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

Vitalia Diatchenko, Russia, def. Mathilde Johansson, France, 2-6, 6-2, 10-8.

Julie Coin, France, def. Nuria Llagostera Vives, Spain, 7-5, 6-2.

Iveta Benesova (32), Czech Republic, def. Julia Georges, Germany, 7-5, 4-1, retired.

Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Severine Bremond Beltrame, France, 6-3, 6-3.

Nadia Petrova (11), Russia, def. Lauren Embree, United States, 6-1, 6-2.

Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, def. Olivia Sanchez, France, 6-1, 6-1.

Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Kaia Kanepi (19), Estonia, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-2.

Gisela Dulko, Argentina, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-1, 6-3.

Auto racing roundup

Rain helps Bliss, hurts Kyle Busch

The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Mike Bliss raced to his first NASCAR Nationwide Series victory since 2004, catching a break to claim the rain-shortened event Saturday night at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

Bliss, who started from the back of the field, took the lead because he was in the right position when the caution flag came out with 39 laps to go.

The caution put Bliss ahead of series points leader Kyle Busch, who clearly had the car to beat most of the night.

It looked as if Busch would get lucky when rain halted the race a few laps later and got him back near Bliss' bumper. But more showers came, and NASCAR officials called the Carquest Auto Parts 300 with 30 laps to go and Bliss out front.

"I'm just tickled to death," Bliss said. "It hasn't sunk in, but I am getting there."

Nonetheless, Bliss knew he stole this one. "Don't care," he said. "Yeah. But from a guy who is winning too much, anyway. The 18 was the best car, but (Busch) wins too much and no one likes him."

Bliss' victory was the second in five weeks for owner James Finch, who picked up his first Cup victory when Brad Keselowski won at Talladega. Bliss gave Finch his 12th Nationwide triumph in 19 years, but first since 2005.

"This is a great month for James," Bliss said.

Bliss, the 2002 NASCAR Trucks champion, won the October 2004 race at the track for his only other Nationwide victory. Brendan Gaughan was second, followed by Busch, Brian Vickers and Joey Logano.

It was the second consecutive disheartening finish for Busch. He had to start at the back because of an engine change, but wasted little time moving through the field. He darted by slower cars, working his way into 10th after just 17 laps — 11 of them under green-flag conditions.

He passed pole-sitter Carl Edwards on lap 40, then started pulling away. Busch ended up passing more than half the field twice, some even more.

But Busch got caught back in the field when the caution flag came out while drivers were cycling through green-flag stops. Rain didn't give him a chance to get back to the front, either.

"I'm sure people will say it's a good points day, but I'm not worried about points," Busch said. "I want wins. Just very, very frustrating to have the fastest car week in and week out and not have anything to show for it."

Busch swept both Nationwide races at Lowe's last season and was looking to make it three in row. It didn't happen.

Busch probably should have a three-race winning streak, too. He led 143 laps and looked as if he would ease to a second consecutive victory two weeks ago at Darlington, but he ran over debris, flattened a tire with two laps to go and wound up a disappointing 16th.

He had even more drama Saturday. Bliss took advantage. "We stayed out as long as we could, just in case something happens," Bliss said. "You never know, and it worked."

Formula One: At Monaco, Jenson Button won the Monaco Grand Prix to stretch his Formula One championship lead to 16 points.

Button finished 7.6 seconds in front of Brawn GP teammate Rubens Barrichello for his fifth victory of the season. It was the Briton's fourth wire-to-wire triumph this season.

Kimi Raikkonen earned Ferrari its first podium of the season by finishing third at the famed street-circuit race.

Sebastian Vettel slipped 28 points behind Button by crashing after 16 laps.

Defending F1 champion Lewis Hamilton, who won here last year, finished 12th after starting last on the grid.

Brawn GP became the first rookie team to win the showcase event since Jody Scheckter for Wolf, 32 years ago.



TERRY RENNA/AP

Mike Bliss looks up at a NASCAR official as he waits to leave pit road during the Nationwide series race at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., on Saturday. Bliss won the rain-shortened race for his first Nationwide triumph since 2004.

MLS roundup

Toronto FC extends New England's winless streak to 6

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Amado Guevara scored twice and Dwayne DeRosario had a goal as Toronto FC beat New England 3-1 on Saturday and stretched the Revolution's MLS winless streak to six games.

Guevara scored on a hard shot in the first half, then looped a free kick into the far corner in the second half, giving him a team-high five goals.

DeRosario scored on a second-half breakaway for Toronto (4-3-4), which has lost once in six games. Shalrie Joseph scored for New England (2-3-4), which has not won since beating FC Dallas at home April 4.

Real Salt Lake 0, United 0: At Washington, Real Salt Lake limited D.C. United to one shot on goal for its first point on the road.

Real Salt Lake (3-5-2), which was outscored 7-0 while losing its first four road matches, extended its winless streak to 0-4-2.

D.C. United (3-1-7) began the day as the highest-scoring team in MLS with 17 goals. D.C. United is unbeaten in its past seven (2-0-5) and improved to 3-0-2 at home against Real Salt Lake.

Dynamo 3, Earthquakes 1: At Houston, Brian Ching and Kei Kamara scored in the first half for Houston.

Craig Waibel also scored for Houston (4-2-3), which extended its unbeaten streak to six matches (4-0-2).

Ruam Johnson scored for San Jose (1-6-2) as the Earthquakes stretched their winless string to seven (0-5-2) since beating the Dynamo on March 28.

Wizards 1, Chivas USA 1: At Kansas

City, Kan., second-half substitute Eduardo Lillington scored 6 minutes after entering the game, and West-leading Chivas USA salvaged a card-filled 1-1 draw with Kansas City.

The Wizards (4-4-3) finished with nine men after the ejections of forward Josh Wolff and midfielder Santiago Hirsig. Still, Chivas USA (7-1-3) couldn't pick up its first victory in five trips to Kansas City, but it did break a string of four losses in a row here. The Wizards went up 1-0 in the 56th minute on Claudio Lopez's long free kick. Lillington replaced Chukwudi Chijindu in the 58th and got the tying goal in the 64th.

FC Dallas 1, Galaxy 1: At Frisco, Texas, Drew Moor's goal in the 31st minute helped short-handed FC Dallas tie Los Angeles.

Moor angled a header into the left corner of the net from 8 yards away. Dave van den

Bergh set up the goal with a free kick from the right corner.

Dallas (1-6-3) had to play most of the game one man down after midfielder Marcelo Saragosa was given a red card for shoving Eddie Lewis in the back of the head in the 25th minute. Landon Donovan gave the Galaxy (1-1-8) a 1-0 lead in the third minute from inside the goalie's box.

Sounders 2, Rapids 2: At Commerce City, Colo., Nate Jaqua scored in the 76th minute to lift Seattle to a draw with Colorado. Jaqua's second goal of the season from in close barely got past Colorado goalkeeper Matt Pickens. Colorado's Conor Casey had given the Rapids a 2-1 lead in the 47th minute. Fredy Montero opened the scoring in the 17th minute for Seattle (4-2-4). Colin Clark scored in the 25th minute for Colorado (3-2-4).

American League					Orioles 2, Nationals 1					Indians 7, Reds 6					Yankees 5, Phillies 4					Dodgers 5, Angels 4 (10)				
East Division					Baltimore					Washington					Cleveland					Philadelphia				
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Toronto	25	19	.564	½	ADjons cf	4	0	0	0	NJhnsn 1b	2	0	1	0	Sizemr cf	4	1	0	0	Hrstnr 3b-ss	1	1	1	0
New York	25	19	.568	1	Marks rf	4	0	1	1	Zmrrm 3b	3	0	1	0	VMrtnc z	5	0	0	0	Votto 1b	4	2	2	4
Tampa Bay	23	23	.500	4	Mianb 1b	3	0	0	0	Duno lf	4	0	2	0	Mood 1b	3	1	2	0	Phillips 2b	1	0	2	0
Baltimore	18	26	.409	8	Wgntn 1b	4	0	0	0	Kearns rf	4	0	1	0	Harris ph-c	5	0	0	0	Ibanez dh	4	1	1	2
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Minnesota	22	23	.477	4	Uehara p	0	0	0	0	Detwlr p	2	0	0	0	D.Huff p	0	0	0	0	Bruce rf	4	1	0	0
Chicago	19	24	.442	5½	Bass p	1	0	0	0	Tavarz p	0	0	0	0	Dellucg 1	0	0	0	0	Rhrndz c-3b	4	1	2	2
Cleveland	17	28	.378	8½	A.Huff ph	1	0	1	1	Vilne p	0	0	0	0	Aquino p	0	0	0	0	Alnglzn ss	3	1	0	0
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Texas	26	17	.605	—	JJhnsn p	0	0	0	0	Brgmn p	0	0	0	0	Viczain p	0	0	0	0	Dickrsn ph-fo	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	22	20	.524	3½	Sherrill p	0	0	0	0	Hanrhn p	0	0	0	0	Garko ph	0	0	0	0	Hbailp p	2	0	0	0
Seattle	20	24	.455	6½	Totals	30	2	3	2	Totals	31	1	7	1	Rbtrnc p	0	0	0	0	Burton p	0	0	0	0
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N.Y. Yankees 5, Philadelphia 4					Washington 1, LOB—Baltimore 5, Washington 7, 2B—Zaun (8), N.Johnson (7), 3B—A.Huff (1), HR—C.Guzman (2), S—W.Harris.					Cincinnati					Totals	040	120	010	7					
Baltimore 2, Washington 1										Cincinnati						Totals	050	000	010	6				



DENIS POROV/AP

Brian Giles hits a two-run double during the fourth inning Saturday against the Chicago Cubs.

Home park still sweet for Padres

By **BERNIE WILSON**
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Brian Giles drove in two runs for the second straight night and the San Diego Padres beat the struggling Chicago Cubs 3-1 on Saturday to extend their season-high winning streak to eight games, all on the current homestand.

The Padres were a downtrodden bunch after going winless on a six-game trip through Houston and Chicago. But they came home and swept Cincinnati and San Francisco and were within one victory of doing the same to the Cubs.

"We've definitely turned things around," said Josh Geer, who settled down after the second inning, in which he allowed Derrek Lee's home run. "We owed these guys for what they did to us at their place."

Although the Padres are batting .198 during the winning streak, scoring a mere 28 runs, their pitchers have a 1.59 ERA with 74 strikeouts and 24 walks. The starters are 6-0.

"Pitchers are throwing strikes, we're playing good defense and getting clutch hits," Adrian Gonzalez said. "We're doing the little things right."

The Cubs lost their season-high sixth straight. Right-hander Randy Wells hadn't allowed a run in his 20 big league innings before giving up Giles' two-run double with two outs in the fourth.

Geer (1-1) got his first victory in six starts this season, allowing five hits in 6⅔ innings. He struck out seven without a walk.

"It was good not walking anybody. I had to stay aggressive," said Geer, who allowed two one-out singles after giving up Lee's home run but then got to fly balls to end the inning.

"We swung at a lot of bad pitches," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said. "We took a lot of strikes and swung at a lot of bad pitches out of the zone. He spots the ball well. He knows how to pitch. But we helped him out a lot."

Ruiz saves Phils after blown save

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carlos Ruiz hit a two-out RBI double in the 11th inning and the Philadelphia Phillies overcame another blown save by Brad Lidge to beat the New York Yankees 4-3 on Sunday.

Jimmy Rollins, Shane Victorino and Raul Ibanez each drove in a run for Philadelphia, which went 8-2 on its three-city, 10-day trip. The Phillies are a major league-best 16-6 on the road.

Clayton Kershaw (4-0), the Phillies' sixth pitcher, worked two scoreless innings.

Chase Utley got the winning rally started with a two-out walk off Brett Tomko (0-1). Utley stole second and Ruiz lined the ninth pitch of his at-bat down the third-base line.

A strong contingent of Phillies fans in the crowd of 46,986, the biggest at Yankee Stadium since opening day, cheered wildly as Utley scored.

Robinson Cano led off the ninth with a single to center off Lidge, who blew two save opportunities in the series. Pinch-runner Ramiro Pena stole second and Melky Cabrera hit a bouncer up the middle that just eluded the glove of the shortstop Rollins.

Pena raced around to score the tying run without a play.

Cabrera stole second with one out and advanced to third on pinch-hitter Nick Swisher's



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Robinson Cano, left, celebrates as he scores the winning run in the bottom of the ninth on Saturday against the Philadelphia Phillies.

ground. But Lidge got Brett Gardner to bounce to first, sending the game to extra innings.

Lidge's ERA actually dropped to 9.15 after his fourth blown save in 12 chances.

New York put its first two batters on in the 10th but Condrey got Mark Teixeira to ground into

a double play. After Alex Rodriguez was intentionally walked, Pena flied out to end the inning.

Teixeira added to the new Yankee Stadium's growing reputation as a launching pad with a broken-bat, solo homer off Cole Hamels in the sixth. Hamels shook his head in disbelief as the ball car-

ried over the wall in left despite Teixeira's bat shattering, leaving him holding the handle.

It was Teixeira's 13th homer of the season.

Hamels allowed two runs and eight hits in six innings, outpitching CC Sabathia in a matchup of ace left-handers. Hamels is 2-0 with a 2.88 ERA in four starts this month.

In Saturday's game:

Yankees 5, Phillies 4: Alex Rodriguez hit a tying homer off Brad Lidge in the ninth and Melky Cabrera capped a three-run rally with an RBI single.

In 15 games since returning from hip surgery, Rodriguez has 10 hits. Seven are home runs, however, and the Yankees are 12-3 during that span.

John Mayberry Jr. hit a three-run homer in his major league debut and Raul Ibanez also connected, helping the Phillies build a 4-2 lead for new starter J.A. Happ.

Lidge (0-2) came on in the ninth and immediately got in trouble. Johnny Damon drew a leadoff walk and stole second. After Mark Teixeira struck out, Rodriguez smacked a full-count pitch over the short porch in right.

Robinson Cano followed with a single, stole second and scored without a play on Cabrera's single to right-center.

Baseball roundup

Red Sox pound Mets to avert sweep

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Kevin Youkilis hit a three-run homer two innings after his long foul ball was upheld by a replay review, and Mike Lowell also had a three-run shot as the Boston Red Sox avoided being swept at home for the first time this season by beating the New York Mets 12-5 on Sunday.

J.D. Drew went 4 for 5 and Nick Green had a tiebreaking two-run single as the Red Sox rebounded from a 3-2 loss on Saturday.

Boston rallied with three runs to take a 6-5 edge against starter Tim Lincecum (0-1) in the fifth. George Kottaras' RBI double chased Redding and Green singled home two runs on the first pitch from reliever Sean Green.

Jason Bay had an RBI single and Drew added a run-scoring double in the sixth. Youkilis homered off Brian Stokes, capping a four-run seventh.

Tim Wakefield (6-2), Boston's most consistent starter this season, gave up five runs and seven hits in six innings for his fourth victory in five starts. It was the seventh time in nine starts that he's pitched at least six innings.

Marlins 5, Rays 4 (11): At Miami, Ross Gload drove in the winning run with a one-out, bases-loaded single as Florida snapped a four-game losing streak. Jorge Cantu led off the 11th with a pinch-hit single off Lance Cormier (0-1). Jeremy Hermida singled

off Brian Shouse to put runners at the corners with one out, and Hanley Ramirez was intentionally walked. Ben Zobrist came from right to be a fifth infielder, but Gload lined a single through the right side.

Reds 4, Indians 3 (11): At Cincinnati, Alex Gonzalez doubled home the winning run with one out in the 11th inning as Cincinnati won the all-Ohio series by taking two of three games.

Carlos Fisher (1-0), the Reds' fifth pitcher, threw a scoreless 11th to win his big-league debut.

Rangers 5, Astros 0: At Houston, Brandon McCarthy (4-2) scattered nine hits in his first career complete game as Texas swept the Lone Star series. Josh Hamilton, Ian Kinsler and Jarrod Saltalamacchia homered as the AL West leaders moved nine games above .500 and extended the Astros' losing streak to four.

McCarthy struck out six and walked one, outpitching Mike Hampton (2-4).

Royals 3, Cardinals 2: At St. Louis, Brian Bannister worked six innings and drove in a run, and pinch-hitter Mike Jacobs' RBI single snapped a seventh-inning tie as Kansas City averted a sweep. The Royals ended a 24-inning scoreless drought and finally got to St. Louis pitching after 5-0 losses the previous two games. Kansas City has won only five of its past 15 games.

Pirates 4, White Sox 3: At Chicago, Jack Wilson hit a tying homer off Bobby Jenks with two outs in the ninth, and Delwyn Young won it with an RBI single as Pittsburgh finally scored against the White Sox. Shut out in the series' first two games and frustrated for most of Sunday, the Pirates rallied against an unlikely victim. Jenks, an All-Star closer, entered the game with a 0.00 ERA in save situations and 10 saves in as many opportunities.

Braves 10, Blue Jays 2: At Atlanta, Brian McCann homered twice and pinch-hitter Chipper Jones drove in the go-ahead run with a bases-loaded single in the seventh as Atlanta capped a three-game sweep. McCann drove in four runs and Kelly Johnson hit a homer and drove in three runs for Atlanta, which scored seven in the seventh to snap a 2-2 tie.

Rockies 3, Tigers 1: At Detroit, Todd Helton drove in two runs and Jason Hammel (1-3) pitched into the seventh as Colorado beat Dontrelle Willis (1-1) to win two of three in the series.

Nationals 8, Orioles 5: At Washington, Adam Dunn hit two home runs, including a go-ahead grand slam in the seventh inning, and drove in six runs. Washington trailed 5-4 when Dunn hit his 10th career grand slam into the Orioles' bullpen off Jamie Walker.

In Saturday games:

Rangers 6, Astros 3: Nelson Cruz homered twice and Hank Blalock also connected as the Rangers won their second straight in the Lone Star series.

Mets 3, Red Sox 2: Omar Santos hit a two-run homer off closer Jonathan Papelbon (0-1) with two outs in the ninth.

White Sox 4, Pirates 0: Clayton Richard (1-0) struck out eight over six innings and Alexei Ramirez homered for the second straight game.

Braves 4, Blue Jays 3: Derek Lowe (6-2) pitched into the eighth inning and drove in the go-ahead run with one of his two hits, helping send Toronto to its fifth straight loss.

Rockies 4, Tigers 3: Todd Helton and Chris Iannetta homered to back Jason Marquis (6-3) as Colorado ended Detroit's seven-game winning streak.

Orioles 2, Nationals 1: Aubrey Huff drove in the tiebreaking run with a pinch-hit triple in the seventh inning, as Baltimore made the most of three hits.

Rays 10, Marlins 3: Evan Longoria hit a tiebreaking single in the eighth for his 48th RBI, tops in the majors.

Indians 7, Reds 6: Asdrubal Cabrera drove in the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning, overshadowing Joey Votto's remarkable return from a week of medical tests — homers in his first two at-bats.

Giambi hits 400th HR in losing effort

By JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jason Giambi couldn't thoroughly appreciate his latest accomplishment, not with the way the Oakland Athletics are playing.

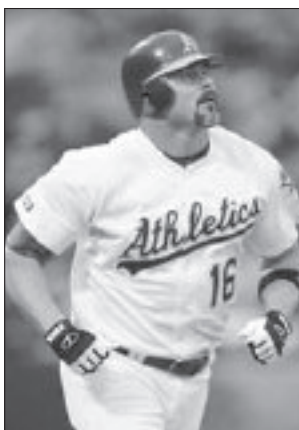
On the night Giambi hit his 400th career home run and should have been celebrating, he was left to ponder another one-run defeat.

Stephen Drew singled in the go-ahead run in the top of the 11th inning and the Arizona Diamondbacks won their season-high fourth straight game, beating the A's 8-7 on Saturday night.

"Right now it really doesn't mean that much," Giambi said. "Individual accomplishments are nice, but I'd rather have some wins and get the team on track. We've got to stop giving away games. We've got to get on the same page. ... Hopefully we can turn it around before we bury ourselves."

Giambi became the 44th player to reach 400 homers. Jack Cust, Adam Kennedy and Nomar Garciaparra also connected as the A's pounded their former ace, Dan Haren, but still couldn't pull out a victory.

Mark Reynolds hit a two-run double in the 11th off Santiago Casilla, Oakland's seventh pitcher, and Tony Pena (4-1) pitched the 10th for the victory. Arizona rallied against Craig Breslow (0-1) and improved to 6-2 during its three-city road trip that winds up Sunday.



BEN MARGOT/AP

Oakland's Jason Giambi watches the flight of his 400th career homer in the fourth inning Saturday against Arizona.

"Come-from-behind victories are always fun. This road trip we've gotten our swagger back and our determination that we're never out of it," D-backs manager A.J. Hinch said.

Chad Qualls finished for his 11th save, but not before giving up Kennedy's run-scoring double followed by Ryan Sweeney's infield RBI single. Jack Hannahan grounded into a game-ending double play with the tying run on third.

"It's not any secret what you want to do in the situation," Qualls said. "You take a look and you realize you can't let the guy score. You think 'How will I get out of this?' I took a deep breath and went to the sinker."

Giambi connected for the milestone drive leading off the fourth inning, hitting a 3-2 off-speed pitch into the right-field bleachers and watching the ball as it sailed out. The four homers off Haren were a career high.

Mauer, Swarzak keys for Twins

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Anthony Swarzak found a fine way to make a major league debut: Throw to Joe Mauer, then watch him build you a lead between innings.

Mauer had three hits, a homer and two RBIs to help Swarzak win his first start, pushing the Minnesota Twins past the Milwaukee Brewers 6-2 on Saturday.

"He came up here and showed he belongs," said Mauer, who helped calm Swarzak, 23, by calling for the right pitches in the right places and checking on the rookie's composure with a couple of well-timed jogs to the mound.

Swarzak sprinkled five singles over seven shutout innings, walking two and striking out three. He had runners on with one out or less in five innings, but used an effective sinker to escape without damage and consistently threw first-pitch strikes.

"That's the Twins' motto for sure. I've heard it for many years," Swarzak said.

With more than a dozen friends and family members up from Florida to watch, Swarzak couldn't have imagined a better night. He gave teammates high fives for making routine catches and spoke of the honor of having Mauer as his catcher.

"That's pretty special to step into the big leagues with that performance in a jam-packed stadium," manager Ron Gardenhire said.

The Brewers had won eight of the past 10 series, splitting two, while surging to the top of the NL Central. This is their first two-game losing streak since the first two days of May.

With thousands of Wisconsin fans filling out the crowd of 40,547, a chant of "Let's Go Brewers!" began when Ryan Braun's first-inning pop-up fell for a one-out single to put runners on first and second with Prince Fielder at bat.

Twins fans started to boo, and Swarzak gave them the noise advantage back.

"I threw that strike in there, and they went crazy," he said. "That was a good feeling. I will never forget that."

Fielder struck out looking on a fastball that caught the corner.

"You're not going to go out there and slug all the time," Brewers manager Ken Macha said. "The Twins aren't going to give things to you. They're No. 1 in the league in fewest walks. You've got to go out there and earn the runs that you do score."

Pierre's eye wins for Dodgers

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Juan Pierre came up twice with the bases loaded against the Los Angeles Angels. The first time, he grounded into a force play to end the second inning. The second time, he drew a walk to end the game.

Pierre didn't have an RBI in 97 career at-bats against the Angels until the 10th inning, when Jose Arredondo walked him on a 3-2 pitch to give the Los Angeles Dodgers a 5-4 victory Saturday night.

"Pierre made him work," manager Joe Torre said after the Dodgers improved their major league-leading record to 30-14 and maintained an 8½-game lead over San Diego in the NL West. "The thing about Juan Pierre is that it's great having him up in those situations. He's been a lead-

off hitter pretty much his whole life, so he knows if it's a ball or a strike."

Matt Kemp and Casey Blake opened the 10th with singles off Arredondo (1-1), and Juan Castro was sent up to bat for reliever Jonathan Broxton with the intention of bunting the runners over. But Arredondo walked him, then fell behind Pierre 3-0. Pierre took two strikes before letting the next one go by, and the Dodgers had their third game-ending walk of the season.

Broxton (5-0) allowed one hit over two scoreless innings.

Torii Hunter hit a go-ahead three-run homer and Juan Rivera also went deep for the Angels.

Angels right-hander John Lackey allowed three runs and seven hits over seven innings, struck out five and was lifted for a pinch hitter with a 4-3 lead. James

Loney greeted Scot Shields with a leadoff double in the eighth and scored the tying run on Blake's single.

Shields, whose 442⅓ innings are more than any reliever since the start of 2004, has allowed runs in eight of 19 appearances, including three blown saves and three losses. His ERA this season is 6.75.

Lackey hit three batters in his third start of the season, after missing the first six weeks of the campaign because of a forearm strain.

"I want to be down and in with those breaking balls, but not quite that far down and in," Lackey said. "But I definitely felt like I took a step forward and I feel like I'm really close to being back where I need to be. It was great to get over 100 pitches and stretch myself out."

Uribe's late hit ends Giants' frustration

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — On a maddening streak of failing to come up with a clutch hit, the San Francisco Giants finally got one from Juan Uribe.

With two outs in the eighth inning and the frustration mounting in the Giants' dugout, Uribe split the gap in right-center field with a bases-clearing double that started a five-run inning. Throw in Matt Cain's complete-game effort on the mound and San Francisco's 5-1 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Saturday night looked almost ordinary.

But for a Giants offense that had just three hits in the previous 35 at-bats with runners in scoring position, Uribe's hit was critical as the pressure on San Francisco's batters was finally released.

"You could feel a sense of relief in the dugout," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said.

"They were pressing and once he got that hit, you saw different at-bats after that. I thought it would take a hit to get the guys to relax a little bit. We certainly needed it."

With two outs and the bases loaded, Uribe lined a 1-0 pitch from reliever Mark Lowe to the wall in right-center field, scoring all three runners just when it appeared the Giants were destined for another low-scoring loss.

Following Uribe's double, Fred Lewis slugged a two-run homer off Lowe (0-2) as the Giants matched a season high with five runs in the inning, nearly equaling their offensive output of seven runs in the previous six games.

"I don't want to do too much," Uribe said of his at-bat against Lowe, Seattle's hard-throwing setup man. "I just want to see the ball and hit the ball."

The rally helped Cain win his third straight decision, following up on a 2-0 victory over the New York Mets last Sunday. Cain (5-1) was remarkably efficient with his pitches, peppering the zone with strikes all night. He threw 111 pitches, 81 for strikes, and coasted to his fifth career complete game.



JIM BRYANT/AP

San Francisco's Randy Winn signals to the umpire that he's safe at second after Seattle second baseman Jose Lopez missed the bag in the seventh inning on Saturday. The umpires agreed.

Only once did Seattle solve Cain. In the third, Franklin Gutierrez and Ichiro Suzuki jumped on pitches early in the count for singles. Endy Chavez then bunted the pair into scoring position and Adrian Beltre's routine ground-er to short was deep enough for Gutierrez to score.

Cain allowed just four singles after the third — never more than one in an inning — and allowed just one runner to reach second. He gave up 10 hits, struck out seven and walked none, winning for just the fourth time in 12 interleague starts.

"We threw a lot of first-pitch strikes and a lot of their hits were done kind of quick," Cain said. "But we kept them to singles and got a couple of double plays and that helps."

Seattle starter Garrett Olson matched Cain, shutting out the Giants for six innings while filling in for Jarrod Washburn, who was scratched because of tightness above his left knee. Keeping his pitches down in the zone, Olson scattered four hits and allowed only two runners to reach second. He struck out four and walked only two.

Carolina on brink of elimination

Malkin, Pittsburgh take 3-0 series lead

By JOEDY McCREARY
The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Pittsburgh Penguins are tough enough to handle when one of their young stars is playing his best. When both are clicking, they're nearly unbeatable.

Evgeni Malkin had two goals and an assist, Sidney Crosby added a goal and an assist, and the Penguins pushed the Carolina Hurricanes to the brink of elimination by routing them 6-2 on Saturday night.

The Penguins scored twice in the final minute of the first period, then added two more goals in 40 seconds of the third to seal their fourth straight victory and take a 3-0 series lead.

Crosby and Malkin each scored for the second straight game, helping the Penguins improve to 3-0 in these playoffs when both notch goals.

"Sid and Geno, they bring their

level and they make everybody better," right winger Bill Guerin said. "Everyone's talent level goes up. That's what they do for us."

The defending Eastern Conference champions can sweep the best-of-seven series Tuesday night and make a return trip to the Stanley Cup finals, where last year they lost to Detroit in six games.

"I don't think we think that far at any point, really," Crosby said. "Obviously, we know we have an opportunity now, but I don't think we've let ourselves get that far ahead. We've been focused on what we needed to do. We had a similar approach last year, but this year, maybe a little more experience helps."

Ruslan Fedotenko, Craig Adams and Guerin each had a goal and an assist. Adams was credited with his goal when Carolina's Jussi Jokinen won a draw but sent the puck down the ice

into an empty net.

Matt Cullen and Sergei Samsonov scored for the Hurricanes, who haven't lost a playoff series since Detroit beat them in the 2002 Cup finals. In their only other playoff appearance since, they won the Cup in 2006.

Only twice has a team rallied from a 3-0 series deficit to win a series, and it hasn't happened since the New York Islanders did it against Pittsburgh in 1975.

"Our challenge: We've got to find a way to beat them once," Hurricanes coach Paul Maurice said. "And then we'll try to revisit that."

Malkin has 16 points in six games, including nine points and at least a goal in every game of this series. He followed up his first career NHL playoff hat trick by threatening to do it again with his sixth straight multipoint game. Crosby has 10 points in his last five.



KARL B. DEBLAKER/AP

Carolina's Erik Cole (26) and Pittsburgh goalie Marc-Andre Fleury (29) collide in front of the net Saturday during Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"They've been probably the difference in this series, so far," Jokinen said. "We just have to find ways to keep them off the scoresheet. And if you're letting seven or six goals, you can't win hockey games. That's the bottom line."

NHL scoreboard

Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Carolina vs. Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh 3, Carolina 2

4 Pittsburgh 7, Carolina 4

Saturday: Pittsburgh 6, Carolina 2

Tuesday: Pittsburgh at Carolina

Friday: Carolina at Pittsburgh*

Sunday, May 31: Pittsburgh at Carolina*

Tuesday, June 2: Carolina at Pittsburgh*

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Chicago vs. Detroit

Detroit 5, Chicago 2

Detroit 3, Chicago 2, OT

Chicago 4, Detroit 3, OT, Detroit leads series 2-1

Sunday: Detroit at Chicago

Wednesday: Chicago at Detroit

Saturday, May 30: Detroit at Chicago*

Monday, June 1: Chicago at Detroit*

* — if necessary

Saturday

Penguins 6, Hurricanes 2

Pittsburgh 3 0 3-6

Carolina 1 0 1-2

First Period—1, Carolina, Cullen 3

(Eaves, Walker), 4:06, 2, Pittsburgh, Malkin 11 (Crosby, Gonchar), 6:50 (pp), 3,

Pittsburgh, Crosby 14 (Guerin, Kunitz),

19:17, 4, Pittsburgh, Malkin 12 (Adams,

Gonchar), 19:48.

Third Period—5, Carolina, Samsonov

5 (Cole, Pitkanen), 1:58, 6, Pittsburgh,

Fedotenko 5 (Malkin), 11:29, 7, Pitts-

burgh, Adams 2, 18:12 (en), 8, Pittsburgh,

Guerin 6 (Kunitz, Fedotenko), 18:52 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 16-15-9—

40, Carolina 8-8-18—34.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh

2 of 4; Carolina 0 of 3.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, Fleury 11-5-0 (34

shots-32 saves), Carolina, Ward 8-9-0 (39-

34).

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Sports briefs

Cowboys hired ex-con to give advice on facility

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys used advice from a man who falsified his educational credentials and served federal prison time for drug trafficking to make major structural reinforcements to the practice facility that collapsed May 2.

A Dallas Morning News investigation showed that the consultant, Jeffrey Lawrence Galland, was engineering director of a Las Vegas company called JCI even though he had no engineering license. Galland acknowledged the newspaper's findings, but said his background had no bearing on his ability to help clients.

Galland, 42, who now runs his own consulting firm, said he is not involved in investigating the collapse of the giant tentlike facility, the newspaper reported Sunday. The collapse left one Cowboys employee with a broken neck and another with permanent paralysis.

Galland said JCI president Scott Jacobs, who is a licensed engineer, supervised his Cowboys work.

Jacobs did not immediately return a call seeking comment Sunday by The Associated Press.

His company has teamed extensively in recent years with Canada-based Summit Structures, which built the Cowboys facility in 2003 and oversaw last year's reinforcements.

"It is Summit's belief that all employees who worked on this project were qualified to perform the task he or she performed" and were properly licensed, Summit president Nathan Stobbe said in a written statement Saturday, the newspaper reported.

The Cowboys declined to comment.

Galland provided a written summary of his credentials that says he has a bachelor's degree in physics from Eastern Washington University. The school said he pursued that degree but never graduated.

The summary also says he has been working toward a master's degree in structural engineering at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. School records show no

sign he ever attended, officials said.

Galland said Saturday that he completed all required credits for the physics degree but did not receive it after Eastern Washington officials wanted him to take a class that "I felt was unnecessary."

An aide said Saturday that the summary was being corrected.

The summary says Galland joined forces with Jacobs in 2001, a year after he was released from federal prison. Nevada records say the two incorporated a business called JCSSD in 2003, while Galland was still on probation for his crimes.

He was arrested in 1994 after breaking into a home and pointing a gun at a woman in Great Falls, Mont., police there said. Charges included burglary and assault.

The following year, Galland was convicted of burglary in state court and sentenced to probation. Then he pleaded guilty in federal court to using a firearm during a violent crime and conspiring to distribute cocaine and marijuana, court records show.

Syracuse, Cornell reach lacrosse final

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Defending champion Syracuse is back in the NCAA lacrosse title game.

The second-seeded Orange defeated third-seeded Duke 17-7 in a Division I semifinal Saturday. Syracuse (15-2) is seeking its 11th national title and will play in Monday's final against Cornell. Fifth-seeded Cornell stunned top-seeded Virginia 15-6. Cornell won the first NCAA Division I title in 1971 and followed it up with victories in 1976 and 1977.

Syracuse beat Cornell 15-10 earlier this season and the teams met for the NCAA title in 1988, with the Orange winning 13-8.

Brewers' Hardy to sit at least 2 games

MINNEAPOLIS — The Milwaukee Brewers are holding shortstop J.J. Hardy out of the lineup for the rest of their series at Minnesota because of back spasms.

Hardy got hurt while running the bases and left in the fourth inning of Friday's game against the Twins. He was out of the lineup Saturday, when manager Ken Macha said he'd keep Hardy on the bench for at least Sunday's game, too.

Rockies place Iannetta on DL

DETROIT — The Colorado Rockies have placed catcher Jeff Iannetta on the 15-day disabled list with a strained right hamstring.

The move was announced moments before the first pitch of Sunday's game against the Tigers. Iannetta strained the hamstring while running the bases in Saturday's 4-3 win over Detroit.

Oregon's Roper decides to transfer

EUGENE, Ore. — Oregon backup quarterback Justin Roper has decided to transfer and has been granted his release.

Oregon coach Chip Kelly said Saturday the 6-foot-6, 204-pound Georgia native made the decision after emerging from spring drills behind Ducks starter Jeremiah Masoli.

Roper started Oregon's first three games a year ago before suffering a knee injury in overtime at Purdue, forcing him to miss the next four games.

Roper finished last year completing 48 of 91 passes for 610 yards and three touchdowns in six appearances in addition to adding 85 yards and one score on the ground.

After redshirting as a true freshman during the 2006 season, Roper will have two years to complete his final two seasons of eligibility. There was no word on where he plans to transfer.

Royals demote Hochevar

ST. LOUIS — The Kansas City Royals sent pitcher Luke Hochevar down to Triple-A Sunday and put pitcher Robinson Tejada and infielder Mike Aviles on the 15-day disabled list.

Hochevar, the overall No. 1 pick of the

2006 draft, allowed four runs in 6½ innings in Saturday's 5-0 loss to St. Louis. The right-hander is 0-2 with a 10.80 ERA in three starts.

Tejada, 0-0 with a 2.65 ERA in 12 relief appearances, has tendinitis in his right rotator cuff and was placed on the DL retroactive to Thursday. Aviles, batting .183 with one homer and eight RBIs, has a strained right forearm.

Maddon says fine by MLB is unjust

MIAMI — Tampa Bay Rays manager Joe Maddon criticized a \$500 fine he received from Major League Baseball following his team's recent confrontation with the Cleveland Indians.

The standoff occurred May 17, when the Indians' Kerry Wood threw behind B.J. Upton, then threw his next pitch inside. Cleveland catcher Victor Martinez, who dodged an inside pitch earlier in the series, got into a shouting match with the Rays' bench, and both dugouts emptied.

The only fine levied was against Maddon for inciting the situation.

"That's totally unjust," Maddon said on Sunday before the final game of the Rays' series at Florida. "I didn't incite anybody. I was reacting. I think the reaction part of the thing — if that's going to be fined, the inciter should also be fined. To indicate I was the inciter is a total misconception, misappropriation, lack of good judgment."

Steeler's son remains hospitalized

PITTSBURGH — The agent of Steelers linebacker James Harrison says the player's young son is doing fine in a Pittsburgh hospital three days after an attack by a pit bull.

Harrison's agent, William Parise, says the family hopes that 2-year-old James Harrison III will be released Monday.

Parise says the boy was bitten on the thigh after his mother let the dog out of its pen Thursday afternoon.

Lakers steal one from Nuggets

By ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

DENVER — Trevor Ariza's clutch steals are punching a dagger in Denver's season just as much as Kobe Bryant's big baskets.

For the second time in three games, Ariza stole an inbound pass in the final minute to help Los Angeles beat the Nuggets, this time 103-97 for a 2-1 lead that restored the Lakers' home-court advantage in the Western Conference finals.

Ariza, whose steal of Anthony Carter's lazy lob sealed the Lakers' victory in the series opener, sliced in front of Carmelo Anthony to swipe Kenyon Martin's inbound pass with the Lakers clinging to a two-point lead and 36 seconds left.

Anthony fouled out to prevent the breakaway basket and Ariza sank both free throws for a 99-95 lead.

"Trevor, he's very crafty, he's long, he's fast, he's quick and he's a ball hog," said Bryant, who scored 41 points. "He does a good job of reading those things. It's a great defensive play."

As he did in the first game, Lamar Odom guarded the inbound, only this time it wasn't the shortest player on the team he was facing, but the 6-foot-9 Martin trying to get the ball in over the Lakers' 6-10 forward.

"He's long, look at him," Sasha Vujacic said of Odom. "He's very long. He's athletic. He's got eyes behind his ears. He knows how to jump all around the ball."

Hounded, Martin called time-out, but on the redo, he wasn't so lucky as he led Anthony too much with the pass and Ariza snatched away both the ball and Denver's shot at a victory for the second time in five nights.

"It was kind of déjà vu from Game 1," Anthony said.

Ariza thought so, too. "It was kind of funny," he said. "It was pretty much the same thing, different players. But we got the steal. We got a win, that's the most important thing."

Bryant made four free throws in the final 22 seconds to seal the victory after sinking a three-

NBA scoreboard

Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-seven)

Eastern Conference Cleveland vs. Orlando

Orlando 107, Cleveland 106
Cleveland 96, Orlando 95, series tied 1-1

Sunday: Cleveland at Orlando

Tuesday: Cleveland at Orlando

Thursday: Orlando at Cleveland

Saturday, May 30: Cleveland at Orlando*

Monday, June 1: Orlando at Cleveland*

Western Conference L.A. Lakers vs. Denver

L.A. Lakers 105, Denver 103

Denver 106, L.A. Lakers 103

Saturday: L.A. Lakers 103, Denver 97,

L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1

Monday: L.A. Lakers at Denver

Wednesday: Denver at L.A. Lakers

Friday, May 29: L.A. Lakers at Denver*

Sunday, May 31: Denver at L.A. Lakers*

*—If necessary

Saturday

Lakers 103, Nuggets 97

L.A. LAKERS — Ariza 5-8 3-4 16, Gasol 7-12 6-8 20, Bynum 2-6 3-6 7, Fisher 2-6 0-2 4, Bryant 12-24 15-17 41, Odom 2-5 4-6 8, Walton 0-1 0-2 0, Farmar 1-3 0-0 2, Vujacic 1-4 0-0 3, Brown 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 33-72 31-45 103.

DENVER — Anthony 4-13 12-14 21, Martin 3-10 0-0 6, Nene 5-9 3-4 13, Billups 5-15 6-7 18, Jones 4-6 2-2 10, Smith 4-15 0-10, Andersen 6-9 3-4 15, Carter 0-1 0-0 0, Kleiza 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 33-84 26-31 97.

L.A. Lakers 26 22 23 32—103

Denver 28 24 27 18—97

Three-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 6-19 (Ariza 3-5, Bryant 2-5, Vujacic 1-3, Fisher 0-1, Farmar 0-1, Odom 0-2, Brown 0-2), Denver 5-27 (Billups 2-7, Smith 2-10, Anthony 1-7, Carter 0-1, Kleiza 0-2). Fouled Out—Anthony, Martin. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 57 (Gasol 11), Denver 52 (Andersen, Martin 7). Assists—L.A. Lakers 15 (Bryant 5), Denver 21 (Billups 7). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 24, Denver 31. Technicals—Farmar, Fisher, Carter, Kleiza, Smith. A—19,939 (19,155).

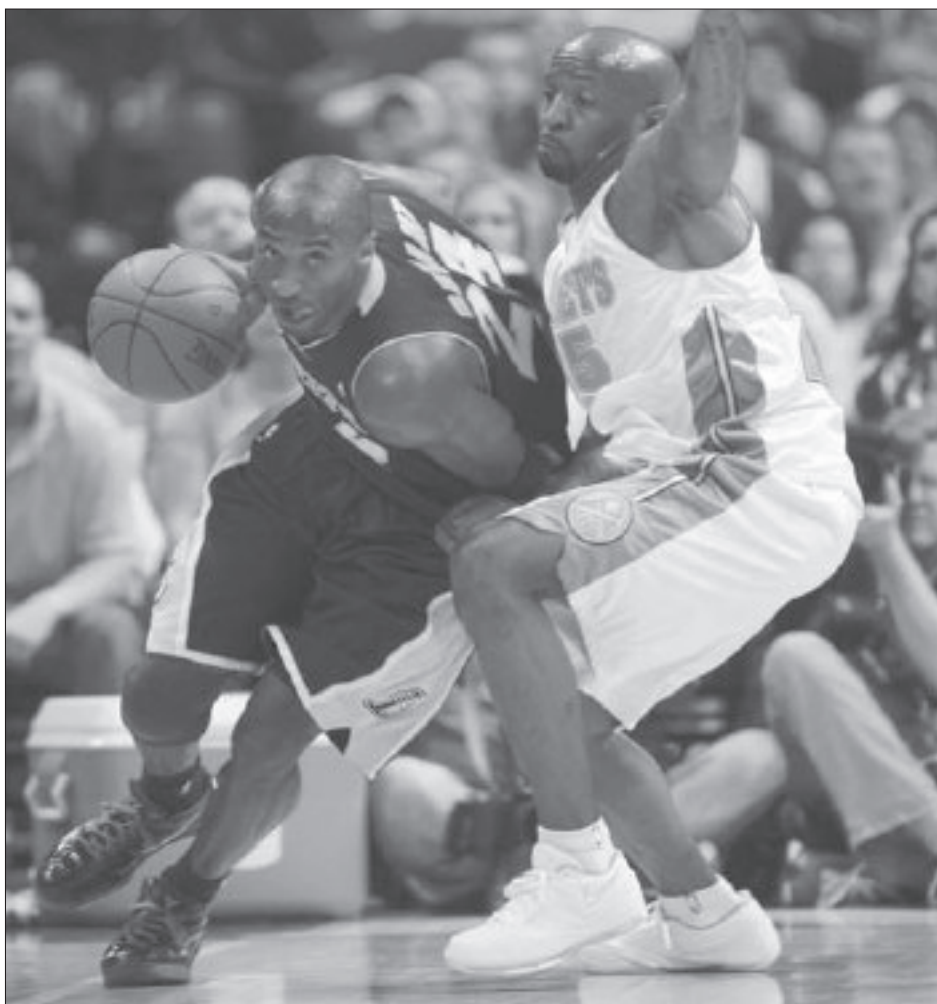
pointer over J.R. Smith with 1:09 left to put Los Angeles ahead for good at 96-95.

"Kobe does that time and time and time and time again for game-winners," Odom said of Bryant's three-pointer. "It is routine — for him."

Pau Gasol added 20 points and 11 rebounds. "I think Gasol was the key to them winning tonight," Anthony said. "Getting him going and him making shots, it made it hard to double-team him and still try to guard Kobe out there."

Anthony scored 21 points but just three after halftime, and Denver lost at home for the first time since March 9.

"I don't really think they did anything different tonight. But I missed some easy shots," said Anthony, who had averaged 35



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

The Lakers' Kobe Bryant, who scored 41 points, lowers the boom in the third quarter and drives around the Nuggets' Anthony Carter during Game 3 of the Western Conference Finals on Saturday night.

points in his previous five games but went just 4-for-13.

Before Saturday night, the Nuggets, who had won 16 straight games at home, had been dominant in Denver in the playoffs. They ran away with all six games at the Pepsi Center against New Orleans and Dallas by an average of 17.5 points.

The Nuggets led most of the game but were done in by poor

decisions and a failure to keep their composure. They shot just 5-for-27 on three-pointers and were called for three technical fouls.

Game 4 is Monday night, when the Lakers and Nuggets will have the Pepsi Center to themselves after World Wrestling Entertainment moved "Monday Night Raw" to the Staples Center in Los Angeles because of the double booking

in Denver that WWE chairman Vince McMahon milked for all it was worth.

That doesn't mean the crowd in Denver won't see some elbows, forearms and more trash talking as it did Saturday night, when there were five technicals called, including one on Smith for taunting Vujacic after swishing a three-pointer at the third-quarter buzzer.

Anthony is held in check by a swarming defense, foul problems

By EDDIE PELLIS
The Associated Press

DENVER — After Game 2, Carmelo Anthony appeared to be taking his game to the superstar level.

After Game 3, he appeared to be that guy who wasn't quite as good as Kobe or LeBron. Melo finished with 21 points Saturday night — seven below his playoff average — and only seven of those came in the last three quarters of Denver's 103-97 loss to Los Angeles in the Western Conference finals.

"Same shots," Anthony said. "It was just missing." Although his shots wouldn't fall, Kobe Bryant's did. He scored 41 to help the Lakers take a 2-1 lead in the series.

LeBron James? Yes, we've all see his Shot — Friday night's game-winner for Cleveland — a few hundred times by now.

Anthony seemed to be heading into that rare stratosphere after scoring 34 and 39 points in Denver's split at the Staples Center. He had broken 30 in five consecutive playoff games, the last two leading many to believe that A) the Lakers didn't have anyone who could stop him and B) he might single-handedly ruin the much-awaited Kobe-LeBron matchup in the NBA Finals.

The Nuggets might still ruin that matchup, but it's more of an uphill climb now, and Saturday's game showed how hard Anthony will have to work to knock out Bryant.

"I don't think you can compare players," Lakers forward Lamar Odom said.

"It's not fair. It's not like they're out there playing one-on-one. Carmelo Anthony is one of the best scoring forwards, if not the best scoring forward, in the game today."

But not Saturday night. Give credit to Trevor Ariza, the Lakers' lanky forward, who draped himself all over Denver's star for most of the last three quarters. Give more to the foul trouble Anthony found himself in starting in the second quarter.

"I don't really think they did anything different tonight," he said.

"But I missed some easy shots. Open shots. Some of them were tough. Some of them weren't."

Anthony played all 12 minutes in the first quarter, scored 14 points, and looked as though he might have 30 by halftime.

Quickly, though, the long-range jumpers stopped going in. He finished 1-for-7 on three-pointers, and the Nuggets had trouble getting him the ball down low. Frustration — the kind that Anthony and this new, improved Nuggets team thought it had left behind — started setting in on offense.

After taking 10 free throws in the first half, Anthony got to the line only four times in the second. He shot 53 percent from the floor in the first two games against the Lakers but went 4-for-13 in this one.

Fouls were also a killer. Anthony picked up his fourth with 5 minutes left in the third quarter, his fifth with 3 minutes left in the fourth and left the game after the Nuggets botched a late inbound pass for the second time in three games.

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Spider-man 3

Castroneves wins at Brickyard for third time

By PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Helio Castroneves capped a perfect month of May with the biggest victory of all, pulling away to capture his third Indianapolis 500 just 5½ weeks after being acquitted of tax evasion charges.

Castroneves, who hopped back in his Team Penske race car as soon as he was cleared of charges that could have sent him to prison for six years, became just the ninth driver to win the historic race three times — and he's only one victory away from joining the most elite group of all: four-time winners A.J. Foyt, Al Unser and Rick Mears.

The Brazilian, 34, pulled away over the final laps to beat Dan Wheldon and Danica Patrick, who eclipsed her historic fourth-place finish as a rookie in 2005 by crossing the strip of bricks in third.

This day belonged to Castroneves, who pumped his fist all the way down the final straightaway. "I want to climb the fence," said the driver known as "Spider-man," referring to his signature celebration.

Then he did just that, climbing out of his car after the victory lap and scaling the fence along the main grandstand with his pit crew.

"This is incredible," said Castroneves, who was sobbing as he got the trademark bottle of milk.

Roger Penske earned his record 15th Indy victory as a car owner. When he leaned in to hug Castroneves in Victory Lane, the driver said, "Thanks for giving my life back."

Castroneves also claimed the pole and won the pit-stop competition before completing his Indy sweep on race day. Actually, he picked up another victory, as well, learning Friday just before he went out for the final practice that the government had dropped the last tax charge against him, the only count on which the jury couldn't reach a verdict.

"This is the best month of May ever," Castroneves said.



TOM STRATTMAN, ABOVE,
AND KURT BAUER, RIGHT/AP

Above: Helio Castroneves heads into the first turn Sunday during the 93rd running of the Indianapolis 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Castroneves won the race for the third time. Right: Tony Kanaan's bad luck at the Brickyard continued Sunday.

Crashes took out some of the biggest names in the field, including Tony Kanaan, Marco Andretti and Graham Rahal. The most frightening wreck occurred on lap 173, when Brazilians Vitor Meira and Raphael Matos got together going into the first turn.

Meira's car veered head-on into the padded outside wall. He was removed from the car, put on a stretcher and taken to a hospital complaining of severe lower-back pain.

The lengthy caution period ensured that everyone had enough fuel to get to the finish. When the race restarted with 17 laps to go,



Castroneves got a great jump on Wheldon and Patrick and pulled away to win by nearly 2 seconds, about the length of two football fields.

"I had a really good car," Patrick said. "Oh, well, what are you going to do?"

Added Wheldon, "At the end, I just didn't have enough for Helio."

The race had barely started when Mario Moraes drifted to the outside and made contact

with Andretti, sending both cars in force at Indy. Marco said there was nothing he could do when the Moraes, 20, pinched him into the wall.

The Andretti curse remains in force at Indy. Marco said there was nothing he could do when the Moraes, 20, pinched him into the wall.

"The kid doesn't get it, and he never will," said Andretti, only 22 himself. "He's just clueless out there."

Neither driver was hurt, and Andretti even got back on the

Penske's Indy winners

The record 15 winners in the Indianapolis 500 for car owner Roger Penske:

2009—Helio Castroneves
2006—Sam Hornish Jr.
2003—Gil de Ferran
2002—Helio Castroneves
2001—Helio Castroneves
1994—Al Unser Jr.
1993—Emerson Fittipaldi
1991—Rick Mears
1988—Rick Mears
1987—Al Unser Sr.
1985—Danny Sullivan
1984—Rick Mears
1981—Bobby Unser
1979—Rick Mears
1972—Mark Donohue

— The Associated Press

track for 56 laps to finish 30th in the 33-car field.

Rahal, the son of 1986 Indy winner Bobby Rahal, crashed on the 56th lap in virtually the same spot where he slammed into the wall a year earlier. He started fourth and was running fifth when his car went high coming out of the fourth turn and slammed the barrier. He was not injured.

"I got mid-corner and the car just went straight. It was the same exact thing as last year," said Rahal, 20. "I felt I was being patient. I thought I wasn't going to have any problem, and all of a sudden it just went."

Kanaan was running third when something snapped in his No. 11 car, sending it straight into the wall at about 190 mph. The helpless machine slid through the third turn and slammed into the SAFER barrier again before coming to a stop.

The popular Kanaan wasn't seriously hurt, but he sure was aching after the big hit.

"I went on quite a ride," he said after getting checked at the infield media center. "I knew it was going to be a big one."

It was another painful Indy moment for the hard-luck Brazilian, who had led the race a record seven straight years — but is still seeking his first 500 victory.

"Me and this place," Kanaan said with a sigh.